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Pound avoids worst of strong dollar advance

By Frances Williams, Economics Correspondent

The dollar soared to new peaks on world currency markets yesterday, despite continuing central bank intervention to dampen its progress, as fears of higher American interest rates intensified.

The pound, which had come under some pressure on Thursday, slumped by more than 2 cents to a low of \$1.4855. This was its lowest level for more than four months and marks a fall over the past week of 3.50 cents. But other currencies have fared much worse.

Against the Deutschmark, the dollar yesterday surged to a 9½ year high of DM2.6875 at the official Frankfurt fixing, and in Paris it set a record of FF8.0940, despite heavy dollar sales by the Bank of France.

Hundreds of millions of dollars have been poured into the foreign exchange markets by leading central banks since they began concerted intervention a week ago. But they have proved incapable of holding down the American currency against the weight of private capital which investors want to move into dollars to take advantage of high and rising US interest rates.

An increase of 0.5 to 1 per cent in American banks' prime lending rates - the rates at which they lend to their best corporate customers - has been widely expected. Yesterday, another small US bank, the County Bank of St Louis, joined BancTexas in raising its prime rate from 10.5 to 11 per cent.

But gloomy predictions from Mr Albert Wajnszler, the influential Wall Street analyst, that interest rates could go up



Royal favourite produces a winner

The Queen's favourite racehorse has delighted her owner by becoming a mother at last (Chris Goulding writes).

Dunfermline, who first won the Oaks and then became one of the few fillies to win the St Leger in 1977, has a five-month-old filly foal (above) with her mother at the royal stud at Sandringham after a long history of disappointment in breeding plans.

When she was retired to stud the double classic winner was sent to American for a breeder's dream

partnership with the great Epsom Derby winner, Nijinsky. But the mating was unsuccessful. An attempt was then made with another Derby winner, Roberto, but that also failed.

Back in England, she was sent to Kelkino, but that proved a third disappointment. Finally Dunfermline was sent to Newmarket where she was successfully mated with Dance in Time.

The Queen, whose special attachment to Dunfermline arose because her classic victories were in her jubilee

year, takes an active part in planning the breeding of her racehorses and visited her several times during the confinement and after the foal was born.

Throughout her career Dunfermline was ridden by Willie Carson. Now she is in foal again to Dance in Time.

Later this year mother and daughter will part when the foal will begin her training for the racecourse. The Queen will have the task of naming her. Photograph: David Cairns

Sri Lanka silences Tamil voice

From Michael Hamlyn, Colombo

By 150 votes, to none, Sinhalese MPs effectively deprived the Tamil community of their only voice in Parliament by outlawing parties advocating separatism. The vote came yesterday morning.

The only Tamil party in Parliament, the Tamil Eelam Liberation Front (TULF), which made an independent Tamil state a plank in its platform in 1976, boycotted the special session of Parliament called to pass the sixth amendment to the constitution.

It bans talk of separation and compels all MPs to swear loyalty to a unitary and indivisible Sri Lanka.

"The ball is now in the court of the TULF," the government spokesman said yesterday. Most observers are sure TULF will not take the oath. Mr Ranasinghe Premadasa, the prime minister, said during the debate: "We have also ensured



Mr Premadasa: Carried vote by 150 to 0.

Kremlin document lashes economy

From Richard Owen, Moscow

A confidential Kremlin report containing devastating criticism of the Soviet economy has been leaked in Moscow only a week after the leadership announced reforms widely regarded as limited, timid and vague.

The detailed report was prepared by economic research institutes for internal Kremlin use and submitted to a secret conference of industrial managers and party officials in April.

Informed sources said the authors of the report included senior economists from the elite academic centre of Novosibirsk, in Siberia, had decided to make their findings available now because the reforms finally announced last week had been "less than half-measures" compared to the study group's original recommendations.

President Andropov has frequently hinted at the need to overhaul the inefficient Soviet economic system since he came to power nearly 10 months ago, but disappointed his supporters with a series of measures which gave local managers vaguely defined powers but left central control firmly intact.

The confidential report was reportedly considered by the leadership but put aside as too radical in its analysis and too far-reaching in its conclusions.

Its attributes many of Russia's ills to the fact that the system has not been fundamentally altered since the Stalin era, when both managers and workers were regarded as cogs in a machine driven by state terror.

"People behaved accordingly as if they were machines and materials, passive and obedi-

Bomb kills 15 at Tripoli mosque

From Kate Dourian, Beirut

At least 15 people were killed and 40 wounded when a car bomb exploded yesterday outside a mosque crowded with worshippers in Tripoli.

The explosion happened as Muslims were emerging after attending Friday prayers. One section of the mosque was destroyed and some people were trapped underneath the rubble before rescue workers dug them out.

Reports reaching Beirut said gunmen fired machine guns in the air to clear the way for ambulances carrying the victims to hospital.

In spite of the continuing sectarian strife in Lebanon, there have been few attacks on this scale aimed at places of worship. This was the first attack on a Muslim mosque in recent weeks and there is no indication who was responsible for the bombing.

Tripoli, the second largest city in Lebanon, lies 50 miles north of Beirut. Its population of 500,000 is predominantly Sunni Muslim.

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Thatcher resumes work in hospital

By John Winder

The Prime Minister resumed detailed work in her private room at Princess Christian Hospital, Windsor, yesterday after her eye operation on Wednesday. She also spent a short time taking the air in the hospital grounds.

Mrs Margaret Thatcher is not yet using her right eye and has not been reading very much. However, she was able to dictate replies to messages of good will from well-wishers.

She signed a reply to a letter from Dr David Owen, leader of the Social Democratic Party, who last week wrote to her criticizing the conduct of Mr Bernard Ingham, her chief press secretary.

If Mrs Thatcher's good progress is maintained, she is to go to Chequers for a rest at the weekend before leaving for her planned holiday in Switzerland.

After visiting his wife last night, Mr Denis Thatcher said that the Prime Minister expected to leave hospital today. He said that hospital life was not entirely to her liking "and she will be jumping up and down in 48 hours, that's for sure".

Her surgeon, Mr Richard Packard, said that everything was fine and her right eye was "settling down". She could now

open it without discomfort. Treatment is expected to continue for a few more days.

Mrs Thatcher's doctors have left the decision on whether she should work entirely up to her.

After her son, Mark, had visited her for nearly an hour yesterday, a private secretary arrived with a ministerial red box. She tackled the contents for two hours, disposing of most of the outstanding business.

Mrs Thatcher has received flowers from the Queen and has written a letter of thanks by hand. Queen Elizabeth the Queen Mother has also sent a flower arrangement, in a blush peach colour.

Other gifts have included orchids from her son, a large box of Turkish delight, a number of home-made gooseberry jam and a glass goblet engraved "Maggie".

Mr David Steel, leader of the Liberal Party, has written by hand to Mrs Thatcher telling her that he is sorry to hear of her eye trouble.

He urged her to get rest, even if she could not follow his example and take a sabbatical. Mr Michael Foot, leader of the Labour Party, has also written to wish Mrs Thatcher a speedy recovery.

France censured on day-trips

By John Winder

France's refusal to accept several coloured people from Britain, who were crossing the Channel with 60-hour passports, was contrary to agreements between the two countries, the French immigration authorities were told yesterday by Britain.

The Foreign Office and the Home Office issued a rare joint notice designating to lay to rest any idea that the new French immigration policy had any connexion with the British Nationality Act.

British officials believe that the French want to exclude black people and have used the Immigration Act as an excuse. They say there is no evidence for French suggestions that some British people without the right of abode have been crossing the Channel on day-trips and not returning.

Talks are going on between the two countries.

The statement issued yesterday said: "The Memorandum of Understanding of 1971 with France on No-Passport Excur-

Andropov says missile talks near standstill

Moscow (Reuters) - President Yuri Andropov yesterday told the Portuguese Communist Party leader, Senhor Alvaro Cunhal, that he considered disarmament talks with the US in Geneva had come practically to a standstill, Tass reported.

Senhor Cunhal is visiting Moscow at the invitation of the Soviet Communist Party central committee.

"The Geneva talks are practically at a standstill and

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Ministers ask the health regions to make even bigger cuts than expected

By Pat Healy, Social Services Correspondent

The Government is asking health authorities to cut staff by more than would be needed to meet the emergency cash cuts imposed this year by the Chancellor of the Exchequer. A letter sent to regional administrators last week encourages them to make even bigger cuts than, which would be "especially well received" by ministers.

Health authorities are concerned that the emergency cash cuts will be permanent and not a one-off reduction for this year only. If that proves to be the case the extra £80m for health spending announced last November will disappear.

Mr David Hucksley, chairman of the Association of Health Service Trustees, said yesterday that the public must prepare itself for a new era in which the health service could not continue its present level of services.

His association is preparing a protest to health ministers on the staff targets set out in the letter. Those targets are seen as unfair because they are based on inaccurate payroll figures, assembled on March 31 this year when many authorities had not yet appointed staff needed because of health service reorganization.

The letter told regional administrators to aim for an overall reduction of staff of between 0.75 per cent and 1.0 per cent by the end of March next year but to apply the cuts differentially. Doctors and dentists directly employed were to be included in the "front line" group of staff dealing directly with patients, while bigger cuts were to be applied to the rest.

The second group, comprising administrative, clerical, ambulance and ancillary staff, was to be cut between 1.35 per cent and 1.8 per cent. The larger reduction for that group is consistent with ministers' beliefs that cuts there can be achieved without affecting services to patients; an idea resisted by many health authorities because lack of support staff reduces the time spent on present care by medical staff.

Individual staff targets for each region were sent out with the letter. To make the calculations "consistent with ministers' wishes that manpower savings should make a greater contribution to the recent cash limit reductions the manpower figures have been reduced by more than the revenue cuts would imply."

Regions that could advance a "reasoned case" by the end of August would be allowed to vary their manpower targets, provided that the outcome was consistent overall with the national aims.

The letter added: "Variations which go further in the desired direction than indicated in the formula-based calculations will be especially well received."

Mr Hucksley said yesterday that the letter was the first official communication to link the Chancellor's cash cuts with the new manpower targets, which represented the first attempt since the health service started to control staff numbers.

"Public expectations will have to be reduced because we have a democratically elected Government that prefers to spend money on defence. Hard choices will be inevitable and cuts made to please the financial markets will do untold harm."

Supergrass trial

22 jailed for terrorist crimes

From Richard Ford, Belfast

Twenty-two people including leading members of the Provisional IRA, were sentenced yesterday to jail sentences of between three years and life after being convicted of terrorist crimes largely on the word of their former associate, Christopher Black, a supergrass.

The jail sentences were imposed by Mr Justice Kelly at the end of a 121-day trial in Belfast Crown Court. Thirteen people walked free after receiving suspended sentences or absolute or conditional discharges for their part in lesser crimes, most of which were committed in 1981.

Each defendant was brought into the dock alone with only small groups of relatives and friends allowed into the public gallery to listen to his sentence. There was none of the uproar that has greeted verdicts in other trials, but as each of the 13 walked from the court there were cheers and clapping from people standing in the main court building.

Thirty men and five women were sentenced at the end of a trial during which three people were acquitted and the judge heard from 350 witnesses.

The heaviest sentences were given to Kevin Mulgrew, aged 37, the leader of an "active service unit" in the Ardoyne area of north Belfast.

Known to the police as "little Napoleon", Mulgrew and his gang plotted during the Maze hunger strikes to murder soldiers, policemen and part-time members of the security forces as part of the Provisional IRA's campaign to force Britain to withdraw from Northern Ireland.

He had been sentenced to life imprisonment for murdering Sergeant Julian Connolly, of the Ulster Defence Regiment. Yesterday he received concurrent sentences totalling 963 years on 84 other serious charges.

He was found guilty of more terrorist crimes than anyone else in the case, including eight of attempted murder and thirteen of conspiracy to murder.

Sentencing him, the judge said that he had planned assiduously throughout 1981 to murder people and was a ruthless terrorist. "I do not expect any words of mine could ever raise in you a trace of remorse or prick your conscience."

Charles McKiernan, aged 23, the "hit man" of the unit, who shot a UDR soldier and the deputy governor of the Maze prison, received concurrent jail terms totalling 417 years, in addition to two life sentences.

He was convicted of 37 terrorist crimes, including conspiracy to murder and possession of firearms. The judge told him that he would not recommend a minimum period for him to spend in prison because there were "more sinister figures" in the group. But he was "the instrument used to execute these foul and loathsome murders".

Patrick Teer, Mulgrew's deputy, was jailed for 18 years for attempted murder and given other concurrent sentences on 43 other charges, including six of attempted murder and nine of conspiracy to murder.

Tobias McMahon, the explosives expert, was jailed for 15 years for conspiracy to murder members of the security forces and cause explosions.

Most of those sent to jail showed no emotion when they were sentenced. When the judge told Paul Kane, however, that he would be jailed for 18 years he stood laughing in the dock and blew a kiss to relatives in the public gallery as he walked from the court.

The only woman jailed was Miss Elizabeth McWilliams, aged 22, a factory worker who took a photograph of a workmate who was also a part-time member of the security forces and passed it to the Provisional IRA. She was jailed for three years for her "particularly mean and despicable crime".

Four get life sentences

The sentences passed in Belfast Crown Court yesterday were as follows:

Kevin Mulgrew, aged 37: Life for murder of UDR soldier; total of 963 years concurrent on 84 other serious charges.

Charles McKiernan, aged 23: Two life sentences for murdering UDR soldier and deputy governor of Maze prison; total of 417 years concurrent on 35 other charges.

Gerard Loughlin, aged 27: Life for murder of UDR soldier; sentences on four other serious charges.

Kevin Art, aged 23: Life for murder of prison deputy governor; jailed on one other serious charge.

Patrick Teer, 18 years for attempted murder; sentenced on 44 other charges.

Paul O'Neill, aged 26: 17 years for attempted murder, 10 other sentences.

Tobias McMahon, 15 years for conspiracy to murder; three other sentences.

Paul Kane, aged 23: 18 years for conspiracy to murder; 17 other sentences.

James Donnelly, aged 21: 15 years for conspiracy to murder; 16 other sentences.

Kevin Donnelly, aged 22: Eight years for possessing firearms; two other sentences.

Desmond Breslin, aged 30: Six years for possessing firearms; two other sentences.

Anthony Barnes, aged 26: Eight years conspiracy in armed robbery; five other sentences.

Patrick McAllister, aged 30: Eight years for "conspiracy to kneecap" one other sentence.

Samuel Graham, aged 40: Seven years for malicious wounding; three other sentences.

Thomas Prendergast, aged 47: Nine years for attempted murder; four other sentences.

Patrick Markey, aged 27: Twelve years for attempted murder; nine other sentences.

Thomas McKinnay, aged 40: Nine years for conspiracy to murder; two other sentences.

Michael Pierce, aged 29: Six years for "conspiracy to kneecap" one other sentence.

John Donnelly, aged 30: Six years for membership of Provisional IRA.

Michael O'Neill, aged 22: Three years for conspiracy to collect information about RUC; two other sentences.

Anthony McKinnay, aged 28: Five years for attempted robbery; three other sentences.

Miss Elizabeth McWilliams, aged 22: Three years for collecting information likely to be useful to terrorists; two other sentences.

Roger McKinnay, aged 35: Twelve months suspended for two years for failing to give information about murder.

Patrick Fennell, aged 38: Two years suspended for three years for membership of Provisional IRA.

Arthur Corbett, aged 47: Two years suspended for three years for membership of Provisional IRA.

Paul Mulverne, aged 27: Two years suspended for three years for possessing arms and membership of Provisional IRA.

Joseph Kelly, aged 22: Two years suspended for three years for hijacking and two other sentences.

Edward McKinnay, aged 46: Two years suspended for three years for possessing arms and three other offences.

Mrs Fannee McKinnay, aged 42: Two years suspended for three years for possessing arms and three other offences.

Mark McKinnay, aged 20: Conditional discharge for two years on three charges, including failing to give information to the police.

Mrs Rose Harvey, aged 71: Six months suspended for two years for allowing her home to be used by the Provisional IRA.

Peter Lagan, aged 22: Six months suspended for two years for assisting an offender to escape.

Francis Murphy, aged 25: Twelve months suspended for two years for assisting an offender.

Mrs Margaret Rooney, aged 28: Five years recorded by judge, but bound over.

Three railmen killed

Rail travellers saw a train speed through their station yesterday dragging a man's body.

Three trackmen were killed just before 10 am when the 90mph train, pulling empty passenger coaches, struck them half a mile east of Polmont, near Falkirk, on the Edinburgh to Glasgow line. British Rail said that the men, who died instantly, were going routine track maintenance.

Six other people, including the engine driver and three track workers, were taken to Falkirk Royal Infirmary suffering from shock. Three were discharged.

The police identified the dead men as Derek Cardiner, aged 21, of Spinkhill, Laureston, Falkirk; Gilmore Sillie, aged 45, of Glenbervie Avenue, Larbert, Falkirk; and John Campbell, aged 25, of Bonnybridge, near Falkirk.

The train was travelling from Edinburgh to Glasgow, Queen Street Station, with six empty coaches.

A British Rail investigator said: "Several people in the station saw the body of one of the men being dragged along the



Prince Andrew, sporting a beard after his three-week canoe trip in Canada's North West Territories, visiting the the Prince of Wales Northern Heritage Centre in Yellowknife.

Labour counts cost of leadership battle

By John Winder

At least one of the candidates in the Labour Party leadership elections is concerned at the cost and difficulty of reaching the electorate.

Many constituency parties have decided to seek the views of all members before taking a decision on whom to support, and in spite of the neutral wording of advice from the party headquarters in Waltham Road, south London, many are feeling encouraged to use proportional representation.

One candidate claimed yesterday that with a private income of £10,000 a year and a good printer he would be able to win the post he sought.

Meanwhile he was faced with differing demands from local parties and unions which say that they do not want the campaign to be fought in the national press. Demands are for statements from candidates of 100 words or more.

Labour's head office has issued guidance to local parties, on the authority of the national executive committee, "for parties which choose to involve the whole individual membership" in the election.

The guidance says that every fully paid-up member should be involved and invited to participate.

The general management committee of each party is charged, if it decides on that course, to ensure that every member is given a ballot form.

It says that forms may be returned in several ways, according to the amount of money available to the local party. They could be collected or be delivered by hand and returned by post, either at members' expense or by stamped addressed envelope or by freepost.

Parties are advised to make arrangements for postal voting and to lay down a clear timetable for ballot arrangements.

They are advised to take a decision between "first-past-the-post" and proportional representation forms of balloting and then told how each system works.

The guidance says that a "count shall be held at a time and place convenient to most members and be open for any person to attend" and specifies that chairman, secretary and treasurer of the local party are responsible for the conduct of ballots.

A Conservative minister entered the leadership campaign last night with a speech attacking the manoeuvring in the battle as "a shadow-boxing sideshow".

Mr Rhodes Boyson, Minister of State for Social Security, speaking at Litherborough, Lancashire, said the contest had as much relevance to Britain's future as a discussion of the likelihood of Accrington Stanley becoming champions of the first division of the English Football League next season.

Meriden appoints liquidator

From Clifford Webb, Birmingham

The remains: 180 members of the Meriden motor cycle cooperative yesterday voted to put the company, which has debts of almost £2m into liquidation.

A year ago the Government wiped out debts of £11m owing on state aid received since the cooperative was formed eight years ago under the sponsorship of Mr Wedgwood Benn, who was then Secretary of State for Industry.

Several similar cooperatives were aided by Mr Benn have already closed.

Meriden has not produced a motorcycle since February, when the workers were laid off.

At the end of a five-hour meeting yesterday Mr John Rosamond, the workers' elected chairman, announced that the accountants Peat Marwick & Mitchell had been nominated as liquidator for a meeting of shareholders and creditors to be held on August 26.

The cooperative was launched in March, 1975 with the help of a £4.2 loan and a £750,000 grant.

Another factor in Meriden's favour was the general reluctance to admit that the once dominant British motor cycle industry - it held 70 per cent of world markets in the 1950s - could not be rescued. Triumph was one of the best known names in the industry and commanded immense loyalty among enthusiasts.

Only two years earlier the then Conservative Government, faced with the imminent collapse of BSA/Triumph, had provided £5m to smooth the way for Mr Dennis Poore to lead a single British motor cycle group combining AMC (AJS, Norton and Matchless) and Villiers (two-stroke engines) with BSA and Triumph to form Norton Villiers Triumph.

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Hiroshima vigil at Greenham

By Richard Timmins

Several hundred protesters arrived at Greenham Common, in Berkshire, yesterday, as part of a series of marches, fasts and vigils being held worldwide to commemorate the 38th anniversary today of the dropping of the Hiroshima atomic bomb in Japan.

They included people from 14 towns and cities on Star (Stop the Arms Race) marches who are joining a 100-strong Walk for Life, outside Greenham Common. That march set off from the Faslane nuclear submarine base in Scotland in May.

A fast is also due to be started by nine people who say that they prepared to die. They will continue "until significant steps are taken to break the momentum of the nuclear arms race".

As Hiroshima yesterday prepared to renew its appeal for nuclear disarmament, a leading Japanese physician has said that the attack was nuclear, said: "The attack was nuclear, said: 'saved' Japan."

Dr Taro Takemi, an immediate past president of the Japan Medical Association, who helped to conduct tests in 1945 which established for the Japanese that the military had driven Japan to a stage that if it could not win, it would not surrender."

The Hiroshima bomb claimed an estimated 92,000 dead and missing with more dying from radiation exposure. On August 9, 1945, the United States dropped a bomb on Nagasaki.

The Fast for Life was due to start in the United States, France and West Germany today.

Six people in Britain are starting a three-week fast in support.



Murder-hunt police seek men

By Arthur Osman

Lothian and Borders police issued a police artist's impressions yesterday of two men they would like to interview about the murder of Caroline Hogg, aged five, on July 8.

The impressions were compiled from descriptions by two boys. The one with spectacles was from a boy aged 12 who saw a man sitting on the sea wall watching Caroline in the swing park in Portobello from

enaded. Her body was discovered 10 days later near a lay-by at Twycross, Leicestershire.

Although similar the pictures may be of two different people. The boy has given fresh evidence that the man's face bled when he scratched his right cheek with dirty hands.

The second impression was from a boy aged 16 who made no mention of the man wearing glasses.

Million TV-am viewers

A dispute broke out last night between the BBC and TV-am over audience figures for breakfast television.

TV-am, the commercial channel, claimed that it was closing the gap on the BBC. It said that new figures showed that it had a peak audience of one million during the week ending July 31 - a rise of 400,000.

The BBC's Breakfast Time audience fell by 300,000, to 1.2 million, according to Broadcasters' Audience Research Board.

The Open Day '83 event shown in a photograph on July 30 was of the Royal Armoured Corps at Bovington Camp, Dorset.

Reprieved killers readapt well to community life

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

The fate of 61 men who were once sentenced to death in Britain but were reprieved and eventually released is disclosed in a study by a probation chief.

None killed again. The life sentence was just as effective for them as for other people who served it, according to Mr John Coker, Hampshire's deputy chief probation officer.

He followed what happened to 239 men with life sentences (including the reprieved killers) who were released between 1960 and 1954 and between 1970 and 1974.

His caseload, published in the *British Journal of Criminology*, challenges the widely accepted belief that long sentences harm prisoners by ruining their capacity to fend for themselves and exist in the outside world.

On the contrary, Mr Coker found that the lifers he studied showed no obvious deterioration because of their long years in prison.

"In general, after a short period of resettlement, sometimes accompanied by restlessness, they obtained and kept work and accommodation - satisfactorily by their own standards as well as those of the probation service and Home Office - and many married or remarried and made new homes."

Some men actually got better jobs than they had before.

"Additionally these lifers revealed, generally, a fierce desire for independence and a capacity to manage their own lives competently."

One said: "In prison I had become more cunning and learnt self-preservation... people say prison makes you self-sufficient. I grew up."

But two of the 239 prisoners Mr Coker researched did kill again. Both were under psychiatric supervision at the time and were given a second life sentence. In both cases their first was for a domestic murder.

All 239 had been released gradually through the pre-release employment scheme and only when the arrangements for their return to the community were considered satisfactory by all concerned.

They had served between two and a half years' and 24 years' imprisonment, with an average time inside of nine and a quarter years.

During the follow-up period - between five and 19 years - 27 per cent of the 239 lifers were reconvicted for different types of offences but most of them (17 per cent) for trivial ones, such as being drunk and disorderly or minor motoring offences.

Those convicted included 25 (10 per cent) whose offences were dealt with by either immediate or suspended imprisonment.

Mr Coker writes: "Lifers are a special, even elite group of prisoners, but their general profile is not unlike that of other prisoners."

They were mostly young (18-25), from the lowest socio-economic group and poorly educated.

Oxford degrees

St John's College back at the top

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

St John's College has regained its place this year at the top of the *Norrrington Table*, the annual ranking of the Oxford colleges' final examination results, after slipping to fourth position last summer.

Ousted from first place is University College, which finds itself sixth this year. The table shows some dramatic changes in the league, notably Worcester, which has dropped from eleventh position to bottom.

Also down are Oriel, the only all-male college, from sixth to nineteenth place; Lady Margaret Hall from thirteenth to twenty-fourth; and Pembroke from fifteenth to twenty-sixth. Exeter College leapt from twenty-third to eighth position.

The table, named after Sir Arthur Norrrington, a former president of Trinity College, is based on the degrees awarded. A first-class result gets three points, a second two points and a third one point.

To even the results between colleges of different sizes, those are expressed as a percentage of the maximum possible for each college.

The table, which is not an official university publication but is studied anxiously by dons, shows much bigger changes in the fortunes of colleges than it used to. For example Jesus, not known traditionally for its academic excellence, this year finds itself second.

Hertford, after dropping to eighth place last summer, is back with the front runners in third place. A little-known college in the past, it is still basking in the success of the matriculation offer pioneered by its principal, Geoffrey Warnock, in the 1970s. That enables Hertford to take bright students from comprehensives on the basis of their potential.

Lincoln has risen from twelfth to seventh place, as has Merton, up from twenty-second to fourteenth. Christ Church is up from twenty-sixth to sixteenth. This year both Christ Church and Merton had their first women finalists, having gone mixed in 1980.

Other single-sex colleges languished in the bottom half of the table with St Hilda's, eighteenth; Somerville, twenty-first; and St Hugh's, twenty-fifth. But the overall standard was up. The percentage of firsts rose from 12.7 to 14 and the number of seconds and thirds fell slightly.

Balliol got the most firsts, 29, compared with St John's 20. Worcester had the most thirds, 20.

NORRRINGTON TABLE				
	Points	1st Place	Per Cent	Pos.
St John's	218	200	72.0	1
Jesus	181	222	71.8	2
Harford	202	222	71.8	3
St Catherine's	181	222	71.8	4
Balliol	217	201	71.6	5
University	215	200	71.6	6
Lincoln	178	222	71.6	7
Exeter	178	222	71.6	8
Worcester	178	222	71.6	9
St Hugh's	178	222	71.6	10
St Peter's	178	222	71.6	11
St Paul's	178	222	71.6	12
St Mary's	178	222	71.6	13
St Anne's	178	222	71.6	14
St Elizabeth's	178	222	71.6	15
St James's	178	222	71.6	16
St George's	178	222	71.6	17
St Andrew's	178	222	71.6	18
St David's	178	222	71.6	19
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(Last year's position in brackets)				

Stabbed soccer fan's murder remains a mystery, judge says

The murder of a football fan during a pitched battle, which was provoked by hooligans, would probably remain a mystery, a judge said yesterday at Southwark Crown Court.

John Dickinson, aged 24, an Arsenal supporter, who was stabbed through the heart outside Highbury Stadium, north London, in May last year, was the victim of trends in soccer violence, unprovoked, said Judge Lowry QC.

In spite of a big police operation, and two lengthy trials, which began in April, there were still no clues as to who killed Mr Dickinson, the judge said. The case had been transferred from the Central Criminal Court.

Although hundreds of people were interviewed, and dozens of arrests were made, the person responsible had not been identified, "because of a dreadful conspiracy of silence on the part of everyone", the judge said.

He added: "All too often, as in this case, it is not possible to prove guilt. The case had depressing detail, the downward trend towards anarchy among football fans."

Judge Lowry described the "dismal consequences" of hooliganism at matches: large police presences at grounds, games interrupted or abandoned, and loyal fans put in terror.

He made his comments when dealing with two West Ham supporters, Paul Hull, aged 18, a handyman, of Waverley Road, Harrow, and Paul Brindley, aged 23, a bricklayer, of Girdlestone Walk, Upper Holloway, north London, who were originally charged with murdering Mr Dickinson. Magistrates dismissed the murder allegations last December.

Hull was ordered yesterday to complete 150 hours' unpaid community service work when he admitted assaulting Mr Dickinson and another Arsenal fan, Paul Dineen, aged 24. Dineen had been sentenced to nine months' imprisonment in May for his part in the Highbury battle.

Brindley was remanded on bail until next month for probation reports when he admitted assaulting Dineen.

Their appearance came after the acquittal of Brindley and eight other West Ham supporters on charges of affray arising out of Mr Dickinson's death.

Judge Lowry told the pair, of previous good character, that the had to reflect sensible public opinion, but it would not be right to "vent the wrath of society" on them because they had spent several months in custody facing a murder charge.

Both Hull and Brindley denied being members of a "new breed" of soccer hooligans, the ICF (Inter-City Firm), although ICF stickers were found at Hull's home.

Mr John Rogers QC, for the prosecution, said Mr Dickinson was killed after an Arsenal versus West Ham match which the ICF had "targeted" for deliberate confrontation and savagery.

Mr Dickinson, a plasterer, of Wyvil Road, Vauxhall, south London, died in the street after trying to lead a "charge" against West Ham rivals. He was allegedly armed with a broom.

Hull, who admitted kicking Mr Dickinson and Dineen before the stabbing, told the police "if we get a fight at a football match it is a bonus on the day." Brindley admitted kicking Dineen.

Last May, Dineen and four other Arsenal fans were sentenced for their part in the violence.



Battle over: Mrs Patricia Neal and her baby, Clare. (Photograph: David Cairns).

Tipstuffs end mother's hospital sit-in

Mrs Patricia Neal appeared in the High Court yesterday after tipstuffs ended her sit-in at Crawley Hospital, West Sussex, by arresting her. She was led out of the hospital in her nightclothes, with her baby in her arms.

She gave birth at the hospital at the beginning of June and then refused to leave, defying a court order, in protest at conditions in the one room in Springfield Road, Crawley, which she shares with her husband and their two older children.

Yesterday, facing an order for commitment to prison, she promised to abide by the court order. Mrs Adrienne Uziell-Hamilton, her counsel, said that Mrs Neal had been "at her wits' end".

Mrs Neal, aged 28, said after the hearing "I shall have to go back home but at least I have really tried to find somewhere better for me and

my family. I know I have really done my best."

The Neals are living in local authority bed-and-breakfast accommodation after leaving their council house last August, days before they were due to be evicted for £500 rent arrears. Mrs Neal claims the present accommodation is infested with rats, fleas and cockroaches.

Mrs Uziell-Hamilton said that the West Sussex social services department could not help Mrs Neal and Mr Peter Neal, her unemployed husband, because Crawley council was insisting on payment for arrears and alleged damage to the council house.

Mrs Neal was formally discharged from hospital on July 1 but refused to leave until she was rehoused.

The hospital let her stay but the Mid-Dorset health authority last week secured an injunction against her remaining. Mr Justice Nolan yesterday ordered her commitment to prison for a day as the "most convenient, if unpleasant" way of ensuring that she appeared before him at 2pm.

When Mrs Neal was brought into court at 2.55 pm, still wearing her bedroom slippers but having changed into a cardigan and skirt, the judge told her that there were no grounds for treating her as a criminal.

He added: "You have sincerely felt you have a complaint against the housing authorities but that cannot be pursued against the hospital authorities and the patients and staff for whom they are responsible."

Mrs Neal said afterwards that she had expected to go to prison. "When I knew they were coming I was very shaky and nervous but when I saw what nice people they were I made me feel a lot better and easier."

I love her and still want her back, doctor says of wife

Dr Robert Jones, aged 40, the doctor who waited nine days before telling police that his wife had disappeared, said he still loved her and wanted her back.

He dismissed allegations, prompted by a police search of his farmhouse and grounds in Coggeshall, near Colchester, Essex, that he had killed his wife, Diane, aged 35, a former social worker and the mother of his child aged 19 months. "That question is a ludicrous one, and the answer is a very, very firm 'no'", he said.

Asked whether he still loved his wife, with whom he has lived for a stormy and mainly unhappy three years, he replied: "Yes, yes, I do, and I want her back."

He added: "I think the world of her. She is an extremely beautiful woman and when she is sober there is not a nicer person to know."

He said that local people described him as a "romantic" because he had been married three times. "I find them absolutely offensive."

Dr Jones was speaking at his home as the police continued a big search - including the sending of divers to a reservoir near by - for his wife who disappeared on the night of Saturday, July 23, after an evening's drinking which ended in the village's Woolpack Inn.

The doctor said that at night: "I took her to the pub as Diane always said I was ashamed of taking her down to the village. We had been getting on very well all evening but at closing time Diane wanted another drink and I escorted her out of the pub with the landlord and his wife."

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Judge hits at 'work escape'

A Central Criminal Court judge said yesterday that unemployed people always found a job when they were about to be jailed.

Judge Gibbons, QC, said: "In spite of there being over three million people unemployed, if you are liable to be sent to prison, there is always a job round the corner. I am afraid one becomes rather cynical."

He was speaking after hearing that a job as a hod carrier was available to Glandon Morgan, of Aldine Street, Shepherd's Bush, west London.

Morgan, appearing before the court on his 33rd birthday, was jailed for six months after admitting driving while disqualified.

The judge told solicitors representing Morgan that they should "examine their consciences" about squandering public money on bringing the case to the Central Criminal Court, instead of persuading him to have it heard by magistrates.

Morgan was arrested after knocking over a scooter rider in London last year.

The case was sent to the court because Morgan had insisted on being tried by jury. Mr Michael said.

Family's car smashed in police trap

The police have ordered an inquiry into why a family's Mini Metro was commandeered for an improvised roadblock, it was disclosed yesterday. The car was severely damaged when it was struck by another vehicle involved in a police chase.

The Metro, carrying Mr Gordon Phillips, his wife Jo and two children, Holly, aged seven, and Joshua, aged 10, was flagged down by the police on the A134 at Shoultham, Norfolk, on July 28.

The family were asked to leave the three-month-old car in the middle of the road as a makeshift roadblock, but before they could get out it was rammed at high speed.

Mr Phillips, of Fincham, Norfolk, said yesterday: "We honestly did fear for our lives."

The Assistant Chief Constable of Norfolk, Mr John Hall, said yesterday that a senior officer would investigate the incident.

The police have paid for the hire of a car while damage to the Metro, estimated at £2,250, is repaired. Mr Hall said: "Whoever pays out, the Phillips will not be the losers."

A man was arrested and charged after the incident.

The faceless men of violence

The evil methods of a new breed of football hooligans were disclosed during two lengthy trials at the Central Criminal Court which ended yesterday.

The ICF (Inter-City Firm), gang of 500 toughs has been responsible for outbreaks of violence during the past three seasons. They descend on grounds and have brought disgrace to the game by creating as much havoc as possible.

ICF members recruited mainly from the ranks of London-based clubs, have had their own "calling cards" printed to leave in the pockets or on the bodies of their viciously beaten victims. "Congratulations. You have just met the ICF," they proclaim.

Most of the thugs claim to be West Ham United followers. But they have teamed up with others to form the ICF, whose sole intention is to disrupt and spark battles at first division games.

They try to remain faceless, travelling by Inter-City trains, and shunning the regular football "specials" or coaches. Teenaged or in their early twenties, the ICF contingent, beer-swilling big-spenders, hold regular meetings to plan their campaigns.

They are able to infiltrate any ground because they do not wear team colours or display any outward sign of support.

Many ICF members wear the long, blue or brown coats favoured by warehousemen. They also wear peak caps or trilby hats, reinforced with wood or metal. Some carry long, thin umbrellas with finely sharpened metal points to use as swords.

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Wife lived fantasy of wealth

From Our Correspondent, York

A fantasy world of wealth invented by a woman to ensnare her suitors was ended at York Crown Court yesterday.

Julie Smith, aged 27, of no fixed address, had spun a web of deceit and lies to cream off thousands of pounds from two men who married her.

Smith, who admitted obtaining services by deception from her second husband, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment after Judge John Bosomworth said that he had been "appalled" by the story of anguish and hurt she had left behind.

Mr Michael Bosomworth, for the prosecution, said that Smith had paid a £1,500 bill for her wedding reception with a bouncing cheque after claiming she was to receive "substantial legacies" from relations.

She told her husband, Mr Stephen Smith, that she owned two farms and was about to inherit thousands from her dying mother, and wrote out a cheque for £25,000 to buy her in-laws a bungalow behind their home in Pickering, North Yorkshire.

At her wedding reception Smith handed out cheques for hundreds of pounds to staff as tips to support her impression of being wealthy.

She was eventually arrested after her in-laws tried to cash the cheque for the bungalow and discovered that she had run up an £18,000 overdraft.

The court was told that similar offences had been committed during Smith's previous marriage, for which she had been given a six months' suspended sentence for obtaining property by deception.

Man killed as beach tunnel collapses

A man aged 28 died yesterday on a beach at Great Yarmouth, Norfolk, after a tunnel he was digging collapsed. Mr Graham Pepper, a fisherman, from Humberstone, was married with two children.

Holidaymakers, who dug frantically with their hands and toy spades said that he had been buried for about 20 minutes before the rescue services arrived.

Fire Officer Terrence Blyth said afterwards: "He was lying face down in the trench, which was about five ft deep. He seems to have been kneeling in the trench and was then pushed forward on to his face by the weight of the sand."

The man had dug a 20 ft long trench and no one knew exactly where he was buried. We were digging in the wrong part of the trench for five minutes."

Inspector David Cushing, who led the police rescue, said:

"It was a hell of a job to dig him out. The sand was so soft and loose it kept falling back in. There seemed no reason why anyone should want to dig such a huge hole. It is always dangerous."

Sergeant Peter Bladon, who is stationed with the RAF at Cottesmore, Leicestershire, said that he and his family had been fascinated by Mr Pepper's efforts.

"Then a woman began screaming that the hole had collapsed. My wife ran to telephone and I dashed over and began digging with my hands. Everyone around joined in with buckets and spades trying desperately to reach him."

An inquest was opened and adjourned yesterday after Mrs Yvonne Pepper, of Butterfield Road, Hesse, had given evidence of her husband's identity. She said that they had two children, aged four and two.

Severed arm victim improving

By Richard Dowden
Mr Roy Tapping, whose left arm was sewn back after it was ripped off by a hay baler, left his hospital bed yesterday for the first time since the accident on June 27.

Mr Bruce Bailey, the surgeon who supervised the original 10-hour operation at Stoke Mandeville, said that Mr Tapping, of Bledlow, Buckinghamshire, was as cheerful and jovial as ever and very well.

Earlier this week Mr Bailey and his team inserted an eight inch metal bar a quarter of an inch thick across the break to reinforce the bone. Three inches of crushed bone were removed in the original operation.

Mr Bailey said: "We will not know for certain for about 18 months how successful the operations have been."

Mr David Ruffell, the factory worker who lost his arm in a wood planning machine the day after Mr Tapping's accident, was discharged from hospital last week after his sewn back arm had been amputated at Oldstock hospital, Salisbury.

Mr Carl Dickinson, aged 11, who lost an arm and badly injured the other after being trapped in a factory machine, was under sedation in St Luke's hospital, Bradford, yesterday (the Press Association reports).

The boy, of Golcar, Huddersfield, West Yorkshire, was visiting a carpet factory on Thursday when his arms became caught in a press.

Edinburgh Festival aid is cut

The Edinburgh Festival is to lose money because of the Government's 1 per cent reduction in its arts budget (our Arts Correspondent writes). The festival, which opens on August 21, has had more than £4,000 cut from a £421,000 grant from the Scottish Arts Council.

The council has told 53 organizations receiving grants for 1983-84 that they will be cut by 1 per cent.

Mr Timothy Mason, director of the council, said in a letter to the organizations that it had expressed "very serious concern at having to withdraw from commitments already entered into on the basis of the Government's original offer of funds, in order to make good the overspending in other areas of government finance."

The Scottish Opera is to lose £23,850; the Scottish National Orchestra £9,200; Scottish Chamber Orchestra £4,050; Royal Lyceum Theatre, Edinburgh, £3,310 and the Citizens Theatre, Glasgow, £2,820.

Coroner's plea to friends of sniffers

From Our Correspondent, Liverpool

A coroner yesterday urged teenagers to report to the police or to their parents any friends who were sniffing glue or other substances.

Mr Rex Taylor, the Wirral coroner, made his plea at an inquest at Bromborough into the death of John Worthington, aged 17, a student of Hamilton Road, New Brighton, Merseyside.

He collapsed and died from a heart attack after sniffing fumes from a fire extinguisher that he had stolen from a train.

Mark McCoubrey, an apprentice toolmaker, of Arnside Road, Liscard, Merseyside, said he pleaded with his friend to give up sniffing. He said he knew that John regularly inhaled lighter fuel and fire extinguisher fumes.

He had once revived his friend by shaking him violently after he had passed out while sniffing lighter fuel.

He did not tell his friend's parents because he did not want to let him down.

Mr Donald Worthington, the dead youth's father, said "if someone had told us he was sniffing we would have dealt with the situation." He said the problem was that the youth sniffed a substance which was undetectable.

Recording a verdict of death by misadventure, the coroner said: "If only youngsters would get rid of the idea that they are telling tales."

"If they tell police or parents their friends are sniffing glue or gas from fire extinguishers we might prevent other cases like this happening. What a ridiculous thing to feel that you are letting someone down and end up helping to take his own life."

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Two face pub murder charge

Three men faced Harrow magistrates yesterday on charges arising from a fight at the Eastcote Arms, Northolt, west London, last month after which Mr Bruce Melville, aged 39, unemployed, of Dorchester Gardens, Northolt, died. His brother Michael, was injured.

Richard Burns, of Martin Drive, Northolt, and Lee Gates, also aged 21, of Perwell Avenue, Rayners Lane, were charged with murder and causing actual bodily harm. David Kerr, aged 21, of The Heights, Northolt, was accused of causing grievous and actual bodily harm. All were remanded in custody for a week.

Dennis Nilsen given legal aid

Dennis Nilsen, who is accused of five murders, was granted legal aid by Judge Tudor Price at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to enable for his trial in October.

Mr Nilsen, aged 37, a former civil servant and police cadet, of Cranley Gardens, Muswell Hill, north London, had earlier with a barrister and said that he would conduct his own defence. He was further remanded in custody.

Fare cut by 25% on ferry shuttle

Sally Line is to introduce a 25 per cent discount "shuttle" scheme on its Ramsgate to Dunkirk ferry route from Monday until the end of September.

The return fare for two adults and two children in an average sized car will fall from £116 to £87. Tickets will be sold in advance by travel agents, but places on the ferry cannot be booked.

Muhammad Ali arriving at Heathrow airport yesterday. He is to spend a week in Britain and will open a community centre in Birmingham on Tuesday.

Honeymooners return to marry

Steven Marsden and Louise Antcliff cut short their honeymoon in Paris and returned home yesterday, to get married.

This time there was no need to take photographs. The couple and their eight bridesmaids had posed for those outside Christ Church, Newark, in Cambridgeshire, the previous Saturday. There had even been a reception and evening discotheque.

The first wedding ceremony never took place because Mr Marsden, aged 23, a postman, told his bride, aged 24, her parents and the vicar that he was divorced when in fact he was not.

The Rev Michael MacLachlan visited the Antcliff home in Stoke Avenue, Newark, only four hours before the wedding was due to take place to say that he was unable to marry them.

Mr MacLachlan is not saying how he discovered that Mr Marsden was divorced, but his failure to say so meant the ceremony could not go ahead.

He said: "I was surprised when they decided to carry on. They all came dressed up in their best. I did not stay to attend the celebrations."

The Antcliff family, with 16 children and 24 grandchildren, had not wanted to disappoint the little bridesmaids. Mr Antcliff said: "We could not let them down. How could anyone tell them it was all off?"

"The lad wanted to get married in church but it was not the way to go about it. Everyone enjoyed it, it was a perfect day."

Mr MacLachlan has told the couple he will conduct a service of thanksgiving for the marriage, which took place yesterday in Newark register office.

Calm Shultz rules out use of force in Central America

From Christopher Thomas, Washington

Mr George Shultz, the US Secretary of State, brought his calm and conciliatory manner to bear on a sceptical Senate foreign relations committee with repeated assurances that military conflict is not contemplated in Central America.

He gave the performance that the White House was hoping for - a no-nonsense statement of Administration strategy in the region, a vigorous defence of huge military manoeuvres in and around Honduras, and an assertion that as a result of American peace efforts "something has now begun to happen" on the diplomatic front.

He suggested that the US show of strength had given incentives to Cuba, Nicaragua and leftist guerrillas in El Salvador to negotiate for peace.

Mr Shultz's opening statement to the committee, and his responses to generally mild but worried questioning, emphasized the two main strands of

US strategy: to persuade left-wing forces to take part in elections and regional peace negotiations; and to mount a powerful US military presence as a warning to Cuba and Nicaragua about continued arms supplies to leftist.

The State Department was yesterday studying two fresh developments in Central America. At face value one is acutely disheartening to the Americans - a statement by the Salvadoran guerrilla movement that "the North American plan is about war."

The Statement, issued on radio, was the first comment from the rebels after they agreed six days ago to talks with Mr Richard Stone, the special US ambassador to the region, at the Presidential Palace in Bogotá, Colombia.

Mr Shultz made much play before the Senate committee of Mr Stone's contacts with leftists in Nicaragua and El Salvador and pointed to the conciliatory tone being adopted by Dr Fidel Castro. "A victory by the far left

and its foreign supporters through armed force is not on the cards," Mr Shultz said.

"Our adversaries' options, which have so far stressed force, must be narrowed towards negotiation and dialogue. It is the responsibility of the Administration and Congress to make certain that nothing is done to weaken the tools that can bring this about."

During the hearing Mr Shultz received some heavy compliments for being a steady hand at the State Department. Although his stock is generally high there is a feeling in parts of the Administration that his low-key manner has contributed to a lack of public perception of the Government's aims in Central America.

The White House has taken direct, day-to-day control of policy. Two of President Reagan's principal advisers on Central America are Mr William Clark, the National Security Adviser, and Mrs Jeane Kirkpatrick, the US Ambassador to the United Nations.

The professional Mr Shultz has made no visible attempt to

dominate policy-making and his aides say he often reminds his own senior staff that they are part of a team. They say he is intensely loyal to the White House and has no desire for a more visible role.

MANAGUA: Nicaragua withheld press permits for journalists to witness yesterday's unloading of a Soviet ship which President Reagan alleges is bringing arms to the Sandinista regime (Reuters reports).

President Reagan said last week that the ship was carrying military helicopters. Nicaraguan authorities say it is bringing in general cargo.

Commenting on the possibility that journalists might be denied access to the port, Nicaraguan officials said the Government had no reason to prove anything to foreign countries, least of all the US.

In international waters off Nicaragua's Pacific coast at the weekend, the vessel was called on to identify its cargo and destination by the Lynde McCormick, one of a patrol of US warships manoeuvring

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President overthrown after nine months

Ousted Prime Minister seizes power in Upper Volta coup

Ouagadougou (AFP) - At least five people died in an apparently successful coup against the Upper Volta leader, Major Jean-Baptiste Ouedraogo, sources at the Yalgado Ouedraogo Hospital said yesterday.

The dead were two soldiers and three civilians. Six French nationals, including a four-year-old child, were among the 15 people known to have been wounded in the fighting, which followed the coup by the former Prime Minister, Captain Thomas Sankara.

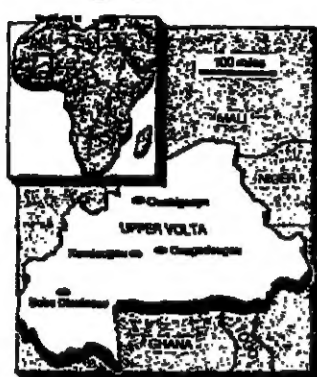
The French casualties were returning from a restaurant to their home near Major Ouedraogo's residence when they were hit by bursts from automatic weapons.

Captain Sankara yesterday claimed to be in perfect control of the situation throughout Upper Volta. Dressed in paratrooper combat fatigues, he told AFP that Major Ouedraogo was in his residence "under Army guard for his own protection."

He said: "We intend to treat him with humanitarianism. The new rulers had not made any arrests."

ABIDJAN: Diplomatic sources here said that 13 people died in the fighting (Reuters reports).

Captain Sankara, aged 34, who was dismissed as Prime Minister in May, set up a National Revolutionary Council after the coup on Thursday night and appeared to be firmly in control, informed sources in Ouagadougou said.



Under guard: Mayor Jean-Baptiste Ouedraogo

Captain Sankara, who is sympathetic to Libya, said in a radio broadcast late on Thursday night that he had overthrown Major Ouedraogo because he represented the interests of "enemies of the people and neo-colonialism."

Automatic gunfire was heard near the Presidential Palace on

Thursday night, as well as several other parts of the sprawling capital, but informed sources said the coup appeared to have been carried out with surprising ease.

Some prominent military officers and civilians loyal to Major Ouedraogo, including a trusted adviser, Colonel Gabriel Some Yorian, managed to evade arrest, the sources said.

Moments after gunfire was heard around the national radio and television building, a first communiqué read on the radio announced the overthrow of Major Ouedraogo, who seized power in November last year, ousting a military ruler, Colonel Saye Zerbo.

The Ouagadougou sources said the situation yesterday was tense but quiet. The airport was closed to international traffic.

The latest coup is the fourth since this impoverished West African nation gained independence from France in 1960.

Major Ouedraogo seized power with the avowed aim of ridding the country of corruption but soon a serious split became apparent between left-wing and moderate elements within his ruling 120-member People's Salvation Council.

PARIS: If Captain Sankara consolidates his power, the coup will signify a powerful return of Libyan influence, observers believe (AFP reports).

This would increase the fears of governments in several other African states, in particular neighbouring Niger, which also has a border with Libya.

Chad to get \$15m US military aid

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

President Reagan has authorized \$15m (£10m) more in emergency military aid to help President Hissène Habré of Chad in his fight against Libyan-backed insurgents.

The money, which will come from a special \$75m fund allocated for emergencies, is in addition to £10m approved by the President on July 18.

The US has already provided about £7m of military supplies, including some 30 shoulder-carried anti-aircraft missiles, to Chad.

A State Department spokesman said the situation in northern Chad was "very fluid." He added: "Both the type and amount of additional assistance we might have to provide Chad for their defence will depend on how the situation develops."

The aid would provide the Government with "a reasonable chance to defend itself against Libyan escalation."

The announcement of additional assistance came a few hours after President Reagan and President Mobutu of Zaïre in talks here on Thursday had agreed that it was in their interest and in the interest of stability in Africa not to see a Libyan aggression against an African state succeed.

The original £10m of military supplies had helped President Habré's forces to "turn the tide" in their battle against the rebels, American officials said.

But the need for further assistance had been increased by the continued Libyan bombing of the northern oasis town of Faya-Largeau.

President Reagan publicly expressed admiration for the Zaire leader's "courageous action in sending troops to assist the Government of Chad in its struggle." Zaire has sent more than 1,500 troops.

PARIS: Mr Goukouni Quédou, former President of Chad, yesterday announced a halt to the bombardment of Faya-Largeau, when President Habré and much of his army have been under siege since last weekend (AFP reports).

Western sources have confirmed Chad Government claims that Faya-Largeau has been repeatedly bombed by Libyan aircraft since Mr Habré recaptured it from the insurgents a week ago, but Mr Goukouni maintains that his forces have been shelling the town.

The Libyan news agency, Jans, in a despatch quoting Mr Goukouni's Radio Bardai, said that "the legitimate unified government" was offering Mr Habré a chance to surrender "if he is still alive."

Army hunts Sri Lankan terrorists

Money and guile lure the Tamil Tigers



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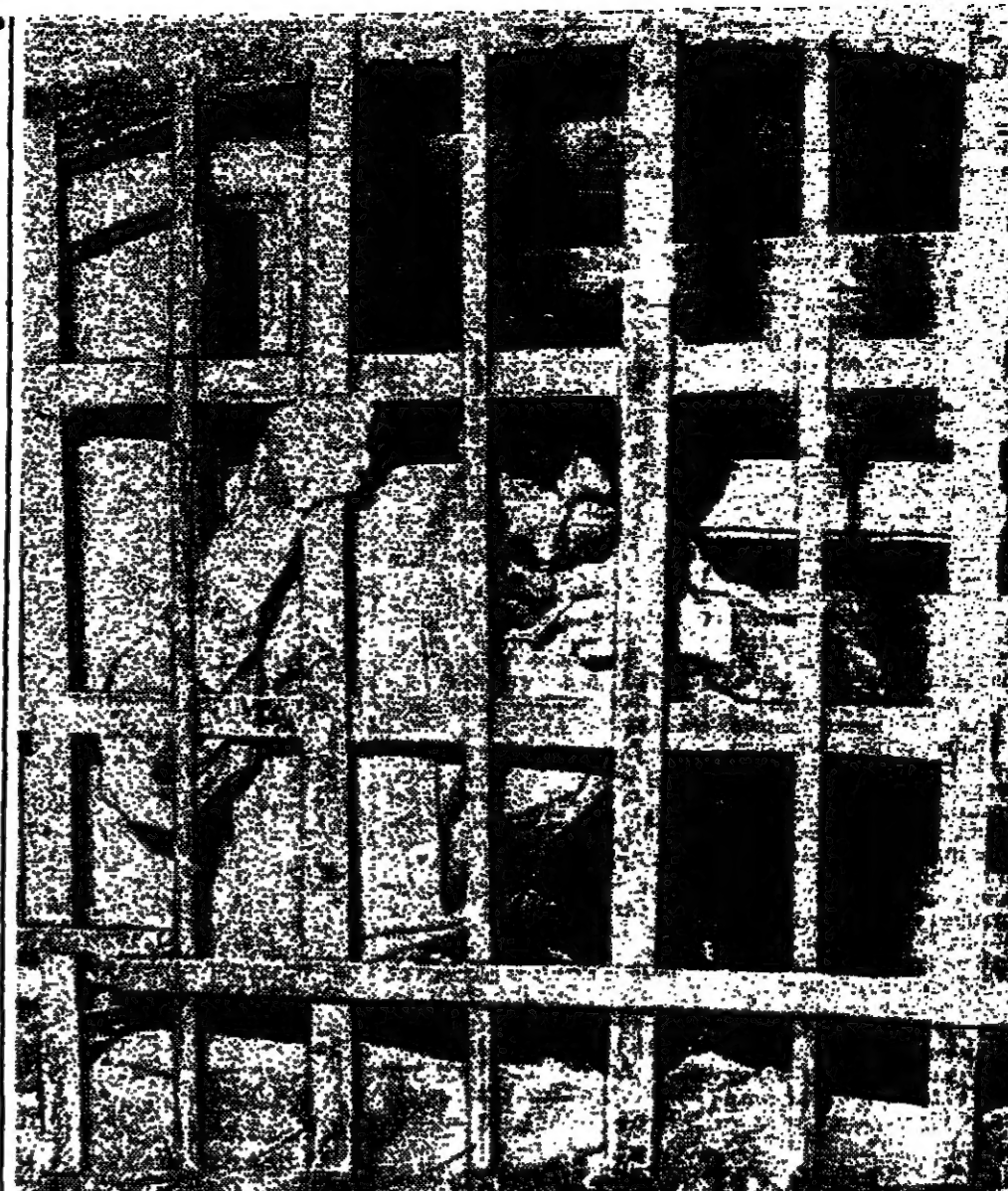
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People's Liberation Army of Tamil Eelam has been broken up by the capture of its leaders, but the Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam have taken over the active role in its place. The Tamil Eelam Liberation Organization is another of the rival factions.

Eelam is the historic name of the Tamil area in the north of Sri Lanka. Independence for the Tamils is the aim the Tigers are pursuing, although talk of separatism is sufficient to rouse to fury the majority Sinhalese, who outnumber the Tamils 7-2 throughout the island.

Since the evacuation of Sinhalese over the past few days the population of Jaffna has become virtually exclusively Tamil. The Sinhalese left, fearing reprisals for what had been inflicted on the Tamil population in the rest of the island.

That terrifying slaughter and destruction in Colombo and other towns and villages south of Jaffna began as a crazed reaction to a bloody successful operation by the Tigers, who blew up a Jeep-load of



Shepherd in rabies quarantine

A 38-year-old shepherd, Ismet Muglay, in a quarantine cell yesterday in the eastern Turkish town of Erzurum. He showed signs of rabies after being bitten by a dog three weeks ago.

In France, 26 children have been vaccinated after being in contact with a dog that died of rabies. The children all from Lille, had visited the dog's owner, a forester, while on holiday at a camp in Alsace.

Syrians deride McFarlane

From Robert Fisk, Damascus

When Mr Robert McFarlane, the latest of President Reagan's Middle East envoys, arrives in Damascus today, he will be greeted by President Assad's familiar rejection of any Syrian troop withdrawal from Lebanon while Israeli soldiers remain in the country.

As if to emphasize the bleak prospects which awaited him in Damascus, the Syrian press yesterday dubbed Mr McFarlane "The American High Commissioner in Beirut", an unflattering reference to US support for President Gemayel's government in Lebanon.

Over the past week, President Assad, his ministers and the state-controlled newspaper, have reiterated to the point of tedious the doctrine that whatever blandishments America might offer in return for a Syrian withdrawal, Syria feels unable to pull its soldiers out of Lebanon until the Lebanese-Israeli withdrawal agreement has been torn up.

Furthermore, to buttress this uncompromising - some would say cynical - posture, Syria has

reestablished its anti-aircraft missile defence system in Lebanon; positioning batteries on the Lebanese side of the Anti Lebanon mountain range and north of the city of Beirut.

The missiles, which include Sam 6 batteries of the kind destroyed by the Israeli Air Force last year, are locked by computer into Syria's overall air defence system, which means that longer-range Sam 5 rockets are used to fight off Israeli air attacks on Syrian missiles in the Bekaa Valley.

BEIRUT: Mr McFarlane yesterday urged all sides in Lebanon to "take risks" (Reuters reports).

Speaking after meeting Mr Chafiz Wazzan, the Lebanese Prime Minister, he said he was very encouraged by the Lebanese Government's determination to take risks in its own efforts to get foreign forces out of its territory.

"There has to be a willingness on the part of other countries - Israel, Syria and the Palestinian community - also to take risks."

He did not specify what he meant, but seemed to want the various parties to climb down.

WASHINGTON: The US is planning to sell Lebanon 68 M48-A5 tanks with spare parts and ammunition for \$64m (£42m), to help the Lebanese Army to maintain security (Mohsin Ali writes).

The Pentagon announced that 12 advisers would go to Lebanon for about six months to help to train Lebanese in the use of the tanks. An upgraded model of those used by the US in the Korean War.

JERUSALEM: The McFarlane approach has angered some senior members of the Begin Government, who claim that he should exert pressure on Syria rather than expect more concessions from Israel (Christopher Walker writes).

After the envoy's talks in Jerusalem, Mr David Levy, the Deputy Prime Minister, was the first to voice public Israeli criticism by stating that it was inconceivable that Mr McFarlane was asking Israel to soften its stand on troop withdrawal.

Iran claims capture of key mountain

Tehran (Reuters) - Iran said yesterday it had captured a mountain in the Kurdish region of northern Iraq, where battles have raged since Iranian troops launched an offensive on July 23.

Iran's president, Ali Khamenei, announced the capture of the 8,000ft Kordman mountain during a sermon to thousands

of worshippers at a weekly prayer ceremony in Tehran.

The peak, said to be 12 miles inside Iraq and overlooking the garrison town of Haj Omran, was said by Iraq to have been recaptured with Haj Omran on July 29.

But foreign correspondents who visited the area later found Iran still in control of a swathe

of Iraqi territory, including the Haj Omran garrison.

Cautious protest: Traffic was halted in Tehran's elegant northern quarter today in a cautious demonstration marking the anniversary of Iran's 1979 monarchist constitution (AP reports). It was the first protest by pro-Shah elements since the beginning of 1981.

Greeks free British ship

From Mario Modiano, Athens

The 334-ton British cargo ship Ivy B, detained in Piraeus for more than five weeks for failing to obtain advance clearance for an arms consignment in her cargo, was allowed to sail last night.

The Greek authorities became suspicious when the ship's Irish master told them that he was carrying 250 tons of Turkish cement bound for

Calcutta and 54 cases of small arms and explosives from Turkey for delivery to a post office box address in Lagos.

After assurances were received from the Turkish authorities that this was a legitimate transaction, the ship and her crew of three Britons and two Asians sailed last night for Calcutta with Port Said as her first port of call.

Iraq hopes poll will relax Kurds

From John Witherow, Dohuk, near the Iraqi-Turkish border

High in the serrated peaks of Kurdistan, thousands of Kurds voted yesterday in regional elections aimed at defusing the fervent nationalism that has troubled the central government in Baghdad for so long.

Although the legislative council in the regional capital of Erbil has limited powers, the Iraqi government of Saddam Hussein hopes the elections will reduce support for some mountain guerrilla bands now siding with the Iranians in the three-year-old Gulf War.

A local official said fighting was still continuing in the rugged Zagros mountains in the north-east as Iraqi forces drove back an incursion by Iranian troops said to be aided by dissident Iraqi Kurds.

The Iraqis claim that the region is quiet, and that guerrilla activity is limited to a few "traitors". But informed sources said that some government troops had to retreat at night to their barracks and that the guerrillas, believed to number several thousand, could move at will, attacking convoys and bases in most parts.

In Dohuk, where I flew, in a Russian-built helicopter over arid, barren foothills, there was certainly evidence of large numbers of troops armed with Kalashnikovs, stationed by the roadside and at polling booths.

But despite their activities, support for the guerrillas is said to be limited to much less than half of the two million Kurdish population, and the groups are torn by internal divisions preventing a united front.

Argentine clergy invited to Britain

Vancouver (Reuters) - Churches in Argentina have been invited to send a delegation to Britain next month as part of an effort to build better relations between the two countries.

The invitation was issued at the end of an hour-long meeting between about 50 church leaders who are delegates at the World Council of Churches assembly here. (Reuters interview, page 10)

Student bank raid foiled

Stockholm - Eight students who came close to pulling off one of the largest bank robberies of the decade have been arrested in Norway (Christopher Mosey writes).

The planned raid was foiled when an Oslo meter overpowered it revealed a rubber boat used by the gang to paddle through the sewers to a tunnel they had dug towards the Royal Bank of Norway. Police said more arrests were expected.

Passport change

Hongkong (AFP) - An endorsement on British dependent territory passports which made holders subject to immigration controls has been changed because of "strong feelings" here. The words: "Holder is subject to control under the Immigration Act 1971" have been dropped.

Cabinet resigns

La Paz (Reuters) - The entire cabinet of Bolivian President Hernan Siles Zuazo's left-wing government resigned yesterday after the resignations of five other ministers in recent weeks. The resignations have been accompanied by an upsurge in social unrest.

Skipper jailed

Kalmar, Sweden (AFP) - The skipper of a Polish pleasure boat was sentenced to two months in prison here for forcibly trying to prevent one of his crew from escaping to Sweden. He fired a flare-gun eight times into the water as his compatriot swam toward the Swedish coast.

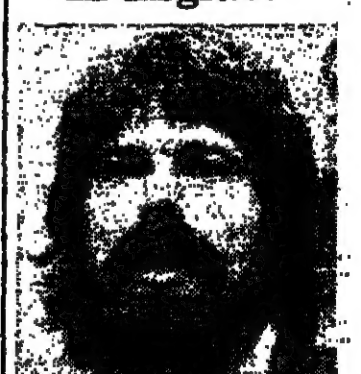
100,000 victims

Dhaka (Reuters) - At least 100,000 people have been left homeless by heavy flooding in southern Bangladesh this week, officials said yesterday. The country's main rivers, the Ganges, Meghna and Brahmaputra, were all above danger level.

On one hand...

Santiago (Reuters) - President Pinochet has ordered an investigation of what legal provisions would be needed to allow democracy to be restored to Chile, but he reiterated that such laws would not take effect until 1989.

In disgrace



Herr Frank Schwalbe-Heth, the Greens Party member who threw a bottle of his own blood at an American general addressing Hesse state parliament on Thursday, after his protest for which West Germany has officially apologized.

Jail fast ends

Ankara (AFP) - Prisoners in Metris, the principal military jail in Istanbul, have ended a 28-day hunger strike. Fast continue in two other military prisons, but there may now be a halt to the entire protest, in which several hundred prisoners have taken part.

All at sea

Frederikshavn (AP) - A white whale which strayed into a Danish fjord in May swam back to the open sea yesterday - then got caught in a salmon net. Fishermen, believed to number several thousand, could move at will, attacking convoys and bases in most parts.

Troops held

Kampala (Reuters) - Hundreds of armed off-duty soldiers have been arrested for loitering in Kampala. The arrest follow reports of robberies and murders by men in uniform.

Rail tragedy

Tokyo (AP) - A bullet train travelling at 125mph struck and killed a 10-year-old girl on Thursday night. It was the first fatal accident involving a bullet train.

Cheese champ

Camembert, France (AP) - Michel Beaufils gulped down eight Camemberts in 15 minutes yesterday breaking his own world record. The eight annual Camembert-eating contest attracted 5,000 people.

America trebles Somalia war games forces

From Our Correspondent, Washington

About 2,800 American servicemen will take part in joint military training exercises with Somalia starting later this month, the Pentagon announced here. This is about three times as many as in last year's manoeuvres.

The Somalia exercise is one of several in which US forces are taking part this month in East Africa and South-west Asia.

Advance group parties and some aircraft, including two airborne warning and control systems (AWACS) planes, have already arrived in the region to prepare for the exercises with Egypt, Sudan, Somalia and possibly Oman.

The Somalia exercise is code-named "Eastern Wind 1983". It will include a marine amphibious landing near Berbera and training operations by the aircraft carrier Carl Vinson.

About 5,500 US troops will also take part in an Egyptian exercise, code-named "Bright Star", and about 850 in the Sudan exercise called "Natural Bond".

No British journalist had been allowed into the northern Sri Lankan town of Jaffna, where the population is almost wholly Tamil, since the start of the Sinhalese vengeance against the Tamils for a terrorist attack on a military patrol in the town. MICHAEL HAMLYN travelled there in a military helicopter and toured the town in an Army Jeep. This is his report.

Colonel Mike Silva, Sandhurst-trained, erect, spare, elegant in jungle green, rubbed his finger and thumb together. "The Jaffna man thinks more of his coffers than the Sinhalese does," he said. "By tradition he has always been like that."

The colonel is at present in charge of military operations against the Tamil terrorists, the Tigers, in this northern town. The success of those operations has come largely from the use of valuable intelligence information, and in a number of cases that information has been paid for.

"We paid 100,000 rupees (£3,000) for information leading to one arrest," he said.



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THE ARTS

Promenade
ConcertBBCWSO/Thomson
Albert Hall/Radio 3

Thursday's Prom could have looked like mistaking the BBC's Welsh Orchestra, in a largely Scandinavian programme. Any doubts, though, were quickly dispelled by a beautiful, pure and unforced performance of Grieg's first Peer Gynt suite, where Bryden Thomson's careful direction kept this over-exposed music fresh and intact while treating it with unaccommodated seriousness. The Wagner of Parsifal was not far away, thanks in large part to the purposeful perfection of the high woodwind.

A new piece by Audis Salminen, his prelude, *Shadows*, threw shards of bleak light into other departments of the orchestra: the solid, glowing combination of brass and low woodwind, the firm tread of the strings en masse, the brightness of the trumpets. Apparently linked to his opera in progress, *The King Leaves for France*, which is destined for Covent Garden, Salminen's music for Sibelius to be acknowledged ever more openly as father figure. The work is a 10-minute adagio of great gloom, figured in the middle by military music, Berg stepping on to the Sibelian tundra.

After this, there was real Sibelius in a performance of the Fifth Symphony that Mr Thomson weighed out with the same judiciousness he had found in the Grieg. Things were allowed to unfold rather than encouraged to happen, and though that sometimes had the effect of making wind solos appear colourless, it was the right technique.

In between, the slow movement seemed becalmed in useless sort of a nice touch. The only section of the symphony that missed its mark was the transition into faster music in the first movement.

They managed such things much better in Bax's Violin Concerto, whose three movements are all in turn condensations of a three-movement form. The result of this concert is a long work, one lasting for nearly 40 minutes, but in the finale at least the technique justifies itself, with a rustic dance slipping into waltz sophistication and then extricating itself.

What also justified this revival was the artistry of Manoug Parikian as soloist.

Paul Griffiths

Theatre
All the fun of
the familyYou Can't Take It
With You

Lyttelton

I last saw this piece 40 years ago as a stand-up reading, in the library of Bolton School, since when it has stayed with me as one of the comic experiences of a lifetime. Spectators coming fresh to it at the Lyttelton stand a good chance of getting the same impression, especially as Hart's and Kaufman's extended family are no longer speaking in thick Lancashire accents, and have access to a cellar for making fireworks, a printing press, a chocolate-crusted skull, and the whole inventory of eccentric properties that fill up every inch of space in Grant Tinker's thoroughly lived-in living room.

You Can't Take It With You is the ultimate American crazy family play; it also gives the lie once and for all to the argument that entertainment should steer clear of messages. Compared with this sermon on the supremacy of the individual over the state, the works of Brecht appear as time-killing exercises for the tired businessman.

Its other remarkable feature is that of a superbly plotted comedy that seems simply to be bouncing along from one disconnected episode to the next.

It is tempting sometimes to use television as a retreat and, as was possible last night, to enter a world of ancient gardens and distant places. In *Search of Paradise* (Channel 4) found at least a man-made Eden in the gardens of Renaissance Italy. *Searches of Memory* or of *Apollonia* emerged from the roses and the columbine: the natural was rendered artificial, and human artifacts seemed to grow out of the soil. All these cascades and arbours, terraces and grottoes, were designed with the bravura of a theatrical performance.

The Renaissance gardens that still flourish are the only living reminders of an exuberance and fancy which are not generally to be found in *Gardens' Questions*. Time's parsley, lettuce, chicory and leeks here are turned into a vegetable geometry. When you leave the maze in a swoon, you may be

drenched by "water jokes", as jets of water spring from sculptured nipples or from the phallus of Neptune. This was really the home of the pleasure principle.

On the same channel Nature Watch presented the wilder landscape of Shetland: an environment which would not be susceptible to the *jeux d'esprits* of the Renaissance. There are real streams here, and rougher rocks. Bobby Tulloch, the bird warden of the islands, does not attempt to improve or meddle with the "natural scene". Instead, he is attempting to protect it.

There is a lot to protect: guillemots, razor bills, puffins, birds with shuddering throats and raucous cries, waddle along

There is Mrs Sycamore compulsively bashing out plays because a typewriter had been mistakenly delivered to the house eight years before, passing only to witness the latest display of red fire from her husband's underground factory. Young Essie (Janine Duvitski) pinpoints the under the eye of her Russian exile teacher, who finally introduces a Grand Duchess into the household to cook dinner.

Other members of Grandfather Vanderhof's clan are busy printing up revolutionary slogans to distribute in boxes of candy, and adapting Beethoven for the xylophone.

Granddaughter Alice sets the plot in motion by announcing her prospective engagement to the boss's son, and the piece settles in for a three-act showdown between the playground and the rat-race. But no matter how scrupulously organized the arrival of the Wall Street parents on the wrong night or the descent of the cops to round up the whole party as suspected revolutionaries, none of this interferes with the spontaneity of the Vanderhof's home life.

If there is nothing to eat for dinner, they engage the frosty guests in an innocent, wistful game that discloses the darkest secrets of their guests' marriage. Even when Mrs Sycamore attempts to market her work to a drunken actress she simply

covers the collapsed visitor with a bear-skin and adds her to the general furnishings of the room. Meanwhile, as Wall Street takes its beating and the gentlemen finally decide to join forces with the opposition, the play emerges as a resounding polemic for individual choice that relates as much to the Thoreau as to the drop-out generation.

To carry weight, the Vanderhofs need something more than joyous anarchy and they get it in the person of the Grandfather who abandoned office life in his youth, but must be seen as a man who could have had conventional success.

Television/Weekend choice
Pleasure principle

lead on those who reply with promises of marriage only to use them as occasional weekend diversions. His come-uppence comes in the form of Betty (Julia McKenzie), a comfortably-off widow who is making her first foray into the lonely hearts jungle. Their initial meeting is a delight with the experienced Walter leading the nervous Betty through the unconvincing small-talk and uneasy silences in the manner of a middle-aged Lothario. It is in the later stages of Alan Cleva's play, when Walter is forced to propose to Betty, that the plot becomes incredible, but thanks to the two superior performances the play is never less than watchable.

Two unknowns star in the

A rather silly story redeemed by the fine acting of two stalwarts in *Dear Rex* (tomorrow, ITV, 10.00pm). Bernard Hepton, forsaking his usual dour roles of either German army officers or obsequious cafe-owners, turns to comedy as the contriving, selfish rogue Walter, a divorced music teacher whose pastime is to insert lonely hearts messages in newspapers and

Thus, the mainstay of Michael Bogdanov's production is Jimmy Jewel, an unobtrusively relaxed figure, smiling benevolently on the surrounding frenzy, but capable of tackling Papa Kirby at equal weight when the argument comes to a head.

The pace of the production is not yet sure, and your eye is taken too deliberately from one effect to the next, rather than being allowed to dart about among the competing attractions. Otherwise Brewster Mason and Margaret Courtenay as the violently intriguing White Russians; Gaye Brown as the skin-covered drunk, arising

groggily just as everyone is regarding their party manners; and Geraldine McEwan, spraying the guests with contrived gentilities while invariably putting her foot in it, all are caught up in a joyous comic dance that, for once, is just as much fun for the public.

My only reservation is at the final family sing-song, with everyone getting a turn with the old favourites. Mr Jewel stirs echoes of Danny Kaye with "Bowling the Jack". But otherwise the ending seems a needless echo of the RSC's razzle-dazzle finale for *Once in a Lifetime*.

Irving Wardle

new five-part drama *One Summer* (tomorrow, Channel 4, 9.15pm), a product of Keith Richardson, of *Harry's Game* fame. David Morrissey and Spencer Leigh play two 15-year old Liverpudlian louts, Billy and Licky, whose truant days are filled with petty theft and the occasional mugging. But Billy, whose deprived background includes a bingo-crazed mother and a slatternly sister, dreams of the one time he was happy - on a camping trip in the country. Refused permission to join his school party on a similar holiday, he resolves to make his own way. This first episode necessarily paints the boys' brutal background and ends with them armed with chocolate bars, cigarettes, a girl magazine and tickets for Wales - all funded by stolen bingo winnings.

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Long may Morris circumambulate, but will he... for "Tubby Foster" (in the ample frame of his producer, Brian Patten) is dead and I am sure that this enchanting series, like much else that came out of BBC Bristol, owed much to the partnership of performer with that one gifted man.

Oh how I wish that Morris and Patten had had a hand in Capital's *Queen Mum, A Loving Profile* (Aug 1). Then we might have heard something. But this 83rd birthday celebration, well-meaning and well-intentioned though it was, somehow missed its subject altogether and left us none the closer to her at the end.

David Wade

Radio
Skin deep

Among my fellow passengers on a long flight home recently were two young women, one accompanied by a man, all fair Scandinavians, I believe, and each girl clutching a baby which only by the most extraordinary chance could have been black and negroid, the other paler skinned but black-eyed, dark hair and with the typical features of the present-day Latin-American Indian. The babies had to be adopted, taking their first enormous step in the process so graphically described by Andy Price in *Motherland* (Radio 4, July 30; producer, Sharon Banoff).

Without a doubt these two children would be coming into an environment indescribably more affluent than the one they had just left, and neither was old enough to retain any clear memories of its origins. So surely this adoption was a proper act of mercy, a right thing to be doing. The same could be said, with emphasis, for many of those who contributed to the programme - black, Vietnamese, Hongkong Chinese - but not one of those who skin colour and/or physical type differed much from the broad range of the Northern European norm, could really be said to have been fully absorbed into an adopted country and culture. At best the change had been a success on balance.

One could almost read the future for those two infants in the plane in the covert glances of their fellow passengers whose expressions spoke of admiration and approval, via profound misgiving to barely suppressed hostility. Hearing *Motherland* confirmed the likelihood of that prediction: while in their new British families and their circle, these children had found love, support and a high degree of security, outside it was often a different matter. It may or may not be so that we are all brothers and sisters under the skin; in practice the skin is about as far as we go. We react first, and all too often last, to differences in skin colour, and only by an effort of will or in the end through long familiarity do we seem able to mitigate what that first reaction does.

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Long may Morris circumambulate, but will he... for "Tubby Foster" (in the ample frame of his producer, Brian Patten) is dead and I am sure that this enchanting series, like much else that came out of BBC Bristol, owed much to the partnership of performer with that one gifted man.

Oh how I wish that Morris and Patten had had a hand in Capital's *Queen Mum, A Loving Profile* (Aug 1). Then we might have heard something. But this 83rd birthday celebration, well-meaning and well-intentioned though it was, somehow missed its subject altogether and left us none the closer to her at the end.

David Wade

Europe's wine prospects Part 3

Germans expect best vintage since 1976

Despite the vagaries of the weather, German wine-growers are guardedly optimistic about this year's harvest. The third part of the series on European wine is written by JAMES HUTCHINSON in Bonn.

The quality of this year's German wines is expected to be the highest since the memorable 1976 vintage. But predictions that it will be the wine of the century are received with scepticism.

As one grower put it: "No sooner do we have a heatwave than people start making that kind of forecast. We can reach a true judgment only when wine is in the cellar."

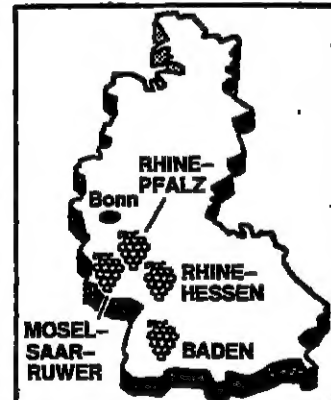
One thing is certain - this year's yield will be much smaller than that of 1982. The wine trade is pleased about this, because last year a wet summer caused the market to be swamped by wine, much of it of inferior quality.

Since the wine regions of Germany are much closer together than those of France they are not subject to wide climatic differences, and therefore the optimistic forecasts hold good for all German wines.

Rhine-Pfalz: Produces a quarter of total German output. The crop is well advanced, and the hot weather has made up for a two or three-week delay in the appearances of the blossoms caused by a relatively cool spring. Production is expected to be down by as much as 40 per cent on 1982, a record year for quantity.

Mosel-Saar-Ruwer: Much better quality than 1982, but not expected to be quite up to the 1976 standard. "In 1976 we had sunshine right up to harvest time," a spokesman of the Growers Association said in Treier. "We cannot count on this year and if we get hailstorms our calculations could go wrong."

Monday: Spain



Rhine-Hessen: Vines look very good everywhere and especially so in the terraced vineyards on the Rhine front. Some exceptionally good Riesling and Oppenheim can be expected, much of it earmarked for Britain. But it will not be the wine of the century.

Rheingau: Prospects are good, but specialists remain extremely cautious about making extravagant predictions. "It's too early to crow about things even when the wine is in the cellar," said a grower. "You should really wait until it's in the glass. The quantity will be about 30 per cent down on last year. The Rheingau is famous for its Riesling, and the area produces about three per cent of Germany's total wine output."

Baden: The vines look promising, both as to quality and quantity, although after the heatwave they could do with a little moisture. "It's too early to make a firm prognosis," a spokesman said. "We don't normally start the harvest until September 20, and a prolonged wet period could put paid to our hopes. I don't think we are going to achieve the 1976 standard."

Monday: Spain

Policeman shot dead
in Basque attack

San Sebastian (Reuters) - Suspected Basque terrorists shot dead a policeman and wounded three people in a machine-gun attack near this Basque port early yesterday.

The gunmen abandoned their car and weapons after they crashed outside the town of Oyarzun, where the shooting took place.

Earlier in the Catalan capital of Barcelona police explosives experts defused two bombs planted by the Basque separatist movement ETA. ETA revealed where it had left the bombs at a

press conference in Hendaye on the French-Spanish border on Thursday.

Police found one bomb near military headquarters on the fashionable Ramblas Parade in Barcelona and a second was discovered in a military club.

ETA said earlier this week that it had planted six bombs in Barcelona to protest against the coming trial there of eight Basques accused of an attack on a barracks on the Pyrenean town of Berga in November, 1980.

North Koreans killed as
Seoul sinks 'spy ship'

Seoul (Reuters) - South Korea's military forces sank what they said was an armed North Korean spy ship yesterday off the south-east coast, killing at least three northern infiltrators, the Defence Ministry said.

A South Korean Navy vessel was damaged in a battle with the ship but there were no casualties on the southern side, according to the ministry's counter-espionage operation headquarters.

The alleged spy boat was spotted three miles off the south-eastern coast of Wolsong, where a nuclear power plant was operating, at about 11.30, but was sunk by a joint operation involving Air Force fighters, patrol boats and other vessels, it said.

The ministry said it did not know how many people were on board. Troops recovered bodies of three men in frogmen's suits and parts of other bodies, it said.

The troops also seized a rubber landing boat, a transmitter, a radio, machine-gun ammunition, two pairs of binoculars, pieces of military uniforms and a hand grenade safety pin.

In June, South Korean troops shot dead three North-Korean

infiltrators dressed in frogmen's suits who had reached the south by crossing a river near the demilitarized zone dividing the Korean peninsula.

Defence Ministry officials said North Korea had sent commandos to the south on more than 20 occasions since the end of the 1950-53 Korean War.

The incident was the most serious sea clash since nine North Koreans were killed when an armed northern spy boat was sunk off the southwestern coast in June 1980.

The clash yesterday came just nine days after the thirtieth anniversary of the signing of the Korean War armistice on July 27, 1953. Analysts said it showed how precarious the truce - the world's longest - remained between the north and south.

The South Korean defence minister, Mr Yoon Sang-Min, said last June it was possible North Korea would start another war on the Korean peninsula in the near future.

He said then there were strong indications the north planned to send large guerrilla forces to the south in August and that this could be expanded into a full-scale war if the

situation became favourable to North Korea.

General Robert Sennewald, commander of 40,000 US forces in South Korea, said in June that North Korea was dangerous, unpredictable and capable of launching a surprise massive attack.

The South Korean counter-espionage headquarters said yesterday the purpose of the spy boat infiltration was to create unrest in South Korea in advance of a number of important international conferences and visits.

The headquarters repeated charges, made earlier by President Chun Doo Hwan's Government, that the north wanted to disrupt the holding of a conference of the Inter-Parliamentary Union here in October.

● TOKYO: South Korean military vessels fired at two Japanese fishing boats in the Tushima Straits yesterday, the Maritime Safety Agency said. No one was injured and neither of the fishing boats was damaged (AP reports).

Kyodo news service said South Korea informed Japan last night that South Korean patrol boats fired on the Japanese boats by mistake while patrolling coastal waters.



Royal Birth: Princess Marie-Astrid of Luxembourg and Archduke Christian of Austria with their new-born baby Marie-Christine.

Planes of
1942 found
buried
under ice

From Christopher Follett
Copenhagen

After an arduous two-month expedition into Greenland's inland ice, a 12-man American team of scientists and aviation experts announced yesterday that they had located eight Second World War US military aircraft buried under 75ft of ice.

The aircraft, which had been there since 1942, were found some 100 miles west of Angmagssalik, on the east coast. According to military sources here, the two B-17 bombers and six P-38 twin-engine fighters, made an emergency landing in July 1942, after running out of petrol while flying from America to Europe. All on board were saved.

The American expedition, known as the Winston Recovery Team and led by Mr Russell Zayani, a civilian pilot and specialist in salvaging historical aircraft, is being financed by an American company at a cost of 7m Danish kroner (£490,000) with the permission of the Danish military authorities.

The aircraft, which were found by means of advanced radar technology, eventually will be put on exhibition in the United States and Denmark.

Craxi wastes no time
forming inner Cabinet

From John Earle, Rome

Signor Bettino Craxi, Italy's new Prime Minister, set up a nine-man inner Cabinet at the first meeting of the 30 coalition ministers yesterday, the day after they were sworn in by President Sandro Pertini.

Signor Craxi, the first Socialist to head an Italian government, said this innovation would enable rapid consultations to be held on important political subjects.

All five coalition partners are represented. Besides Signor Craxi, it consists of Signor Arnaldo Forlani, deputy Prime Minister (C Dem), Signor Giulio Andreotti, Foreign Affairs (C Dem), Signor Oscar Sinigaglia, Internal Affairs (C Dem), Senator Giovanni Spadolini, Defence (Rep), Signor Giovanni Goria, Treasury (C Dem), Signor Pietro Longo, Budget (Soc Dem), Signor Renato Altissimo, Industry (Lib), and Signor Gianni de Michelis, Labour (Soc).

Signor Craxi will read his programme to each House of Parliament on Tuesday, at the

Hopes on Cyprus grow

From Mario Modiano, Athens

President Kyprianou of Cyprus and Mr Andreas Papandreu, the Greek Prime Minister, announced in Athens yesterday that their governments had achieved a perfect coordination and joint strategy on Cyprus.

Mr Papandreu said: "There is a distinct change in the

Peking pleases
Hayden
on Hongkong

Peking (AFP) - Mr Bill Hayden, the visiting Australian Foreign Minister, emerged from talks here with his Chinese counterpart, Mr Wu Xueqian, "very encouraged" by Peking's stand on Hongkong.

A spokesman for Mr Hayden refused to disclose details of Mr Wu's comments, saying the two men had agreed to keep the content confidential.

He said Mr Wu had reaffirmed that China's relations with the United States, soured by disagreements over Taiwan, were improving, but that no significant progress had been made with the Soviet Union.

The spokesman quoted Mr Wu as saying: "After a period of coolness (with the US) there were recent signs that the relationship was improving."

He said that Mr Wu had expressed the hope that the next visits to China by high-ranking US officials would contribute to the improvement in Sino-US relations - an apparent reference to the planned visit next month by Mr Casper Weinberger, the Defence Secretary.

Efforts to save Venice
founder over tenders

From Our Correspondent
Rome

Efforts to protect Venice and its lagoon from the floods which submerge Saint Mark's Square and the city centre every winter are back at their starting point.

The Corte dei Conti, a kind of public auditor's office, has ruled that a 11.8 billion lire (£2m) contract awarded to the Nuova Venezia consortium for feasibility studies and preliminary work is null.

It said the contract should have been put out to tender, instead of being assigned privately to the consortium.

The Corte dei Conti also expressed doubts about whether the money was available.

The consortium was to have implemented a project, drawn up by a government commission, for a system of partly fixed and partly mobile barriers built at the three entrances.

The problem attracted international attention in November 1966 when Saint Mark's Square was flooded to a depth of 6ft and the destruction of the city was threatened.

Funds were raised internationally, and Unesco took

Etna stops erupting
after 129 days

Catania, Sicily (Reuters) - Mt Etna has stopped erupting after 129 days of activity during which a spectacular attempt was made to divert lava with explosives. Since the eruption started, 150 million cubic yards of lava and ash poured out to cover a 3 square mile area. In May, explosives were used to divert lava from built-up areas after some isolated buildings had been destroyed.

part in studies to ensure Venice's survival. In 1973 the Italian Parliament passed a law designed to provide a framework for a definitive solution.

In 1975 the Government issued an international call for projects, but in 1978 all the solutions submitted by five consortiums were rejected by Signor Gaetano Stannatti, the Minister of Public Works, whose name was later found on the list of alleged members of the secret P2 masonic lodge.

Instead, the Government set up a commission, which drew up the latest project.

THE TIMES DIARY

Video nasties?

No self-respecting power struggle these days is complete without its tapes. In the Labour leadership elections, it is claimed, the "Sheffield tapes" represent "better value than *Superman III*". The four candidates went to Sheffield on successive nights to be cross-examined by party members. Now Sheffield Labour Party is selling recordings of their grillings, four one-hour cassettes at £4 the set, including postage and packing. "This is a serious political exercise," says Roger Barton of the Sheffield party. "We really do object to the media editing internal debates. If we continue to conduct our debates through *The Observer* and *News of the World* we will continue to have the same public standing we have now." Future Labour wrangles, we may hope, will be committed to video, to be viewed in private only.

Too covered up

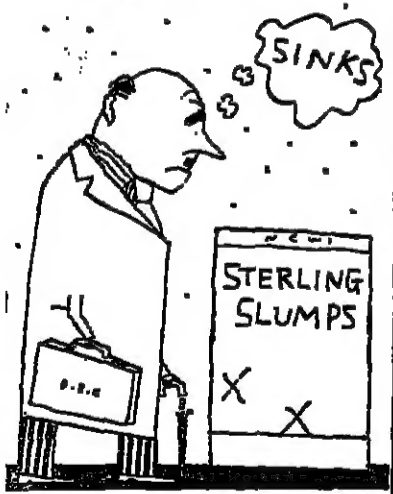
Norman Tebbit has been trying to go unrecognized in the West country. Deciding on an impromptu stay with his wife at a quiet hotel on the fringe of Dartmoor, Tebbit took careful precautions to conceal his identity. Inevitably the cover of the sinister mystery visitor among the established, casually dressed guests was quickly blown. At breakfast all eyes swivelled toward the window table where the wooden faced minister sat stolid and immaculate in blazer and tie. Before departing the Tebbits thanked the lady proprietors for their vain attempt to hide Norman's identity. "Well," said the senior partner, "you could have helped - by putting on an open-necked shirt and smiling."

My PHILIP'S Season Sausage competition was set off by a predictably dithery start. Colonel Jimmy Capadocia said that the sausage pun, with which I indicated that standards of editorial decency must be observed, was in the worst possible taste and may have dealt a mortella blow to the whole sausage affair.

What a gas!

Something has got up the nose of the British Soft Drinks Council, and I am afraid it's the burb bubble of its own pride. The council complained to the Code of Advertising Practice Committee against a Scottish Dairy Council advertisement, headlined: "Are your children learning chemistry at school? Or having it for lunch?" The advertisement referred to the dangers of fizzy soft drinks with "few nutrients" as opposed to milk or fruit juice, and followed a list of chemicals contained in fizzy drinks, sweets and crisps with the claim: "It's not a chemistry lesson. For many children it's lunch." The soft drinks industry complained that it had been unfairly discredited. Alas, the copy panel which ruled on the case found the advertisement "showed a positive approach to the problems which could arise from unwise eating habits" and "appeared to be a truthful comment". I bet that makes the soft drink manufacturers bech.

BARRY FANTONI



Nouvelle vague

Our Findings column, reporting on research in Japan this week, proved to me once again that there is nothing new under the Japanese sun. "Another novel approach" being adopted by the Japanese in their pursuit of alternative energy sources," it said, "is to generate electricity by using the differences in temperature that exist at various levels in seawater." In the chronology of electricity supply in the United Kingdom, published last year by the Electricity Council, I find: "The possibility of solar sea power from a thermal engine utilizing the temperature differences between the warm surface layer and deeper colder layers in tropical waters was pointed out by D'Arsenval in *Revue Scientifique* (Paris). The date was September 17, 1881."

Readers continue to enjoy exciting eating. In Jerusalem Norman Lebrecht confronted Fish on Fire, a dramatic dish possibly only to be extinguished with Fish Foam, which Frances Shipsey found at the Comedie restaurant in Angers. In Germany Professor Nicholas Kurri was invited to eat a Pig in the Family Way, while J. C. Cases in Belgium could not resist Brains in a Paper Sack. More dampening to gastronomic enthusiasm is the description reported by N. Hill from the El Hana Beach Hotel, Sousse, of Carottes Vichy as Carrots in Mineral Water.

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Reagan's backyard blunder

by John B. Oakes

New York
Unless he is stopped by Congress - and only Congress and the force of public opinion can stop him - Ronald Reagan could plunge this country into the most unwanted, unconscionable, unnecessary and unwinnable war in its history, not excepting Vietnam.

Reagan sees the trouble in Central America as coming from outside the area, as revolution exported from the Soviet Union and Cuba. His response is to dispatch huge naval and air armadas to the waters off the Nicaraguan coasts and thousands of American troops to the ranchlands and jungles of neighbouring Honduras.

If the revolutionaries in Nicaragua and the guerrillas in El Salvador whom they support do not capitulate before this display of American might - as they almost certainly will not - Reagan will have left himself little choice between reversing his Central America policy and moving in with American guns, planes and men.

Since the premises of Reagan's policy are wrong, his actions stemming from that policy are wrong. Latin America's revolutions, including those of Mexico, Cuba, El Salvador and Nicaragua, are home-grown, not exported from anywhere else. The undoubted communist influence on these revolutions - always strong and always inevitable - cannot be nullified by external military force, as even Reagan should have learned from the Bay of Pigs and the events that followed.

These revolutions and revolutionaries can be a threat to our security (a minor one at that) only if we force them completely into the Soviet corner and isolate them there. The Russians, their agents and their disciples cannot do as much harm to the long-term interests of the United States as

we are doing to ourselves by imitating them in trying to impose our style of democracy on people who may be totally unready or unsuited for it.

Because of the brutal purge of Central American experts as soon as he took office, Reagan had no one around to tell him that the Sandinista arms build-up in Nicaragua might just possibly not have been impelled by the desire to conquer all the rest of Central America for Castro and Marx. It might have stemmed from genuine fear, founded on history, of direct American military intervention. Fantastic as that may have seemed to Reagan at the time, it doesn't seem so fantastic today - certainly no more fantastic than what he is doing right now to Honduras.

He is remilitarizing this pathetically poor and helpless country just as it is emerging from years of military rule. He is undermining its fragile democracy and indirectly inciting open warfare between Honduras and its neighbours. He is using Honduras not only as a springboard for forces opposed to the Nicaraguan regime but also as a training ground - on the cheap - for Salvadoran government troops.

Perhaps no one in the Reagan entourage knew that the last Central American war - a brief but savage one just a few years ago - was between El Salvador and Honduras. Historically, the two countries have had an unfriendly relationship. The presence of Salvadoran troops on Honduran soil is a prescription for trouble - for which Reagan again will have to bear the responsibility.

The record in Guatemala is no better. Guerrilla warfare has been smouldering

there for at least 20 years. Even less than El Salvador, less than Nicaragua, did Guatemala need Castro or Marx or communist propaganda to pit rich against poor, oligarchy against peasantry, army against guerrillas. While gross national product has gone up, the living standard of 80 per cent of the population has gone down as large-scale agriculture has pushed the Indian peasants into ever less fertile and ever less productive areas in which to grow their own scanty food.

Guatemala's born-again president, who was catapulted into power after a post-election coup last year, may be somewhat less bloodthirsty than his infamous predecessors, but they at least did not have the temerity to claim, as he does, that they were in direct personal contact with the Almighty. Because President Efraim Rios Montt talks to God and not Marx, the Reagan administration can think of nothing better to do with American power and money than to resume the military support that was cut off several years ago because of Guatemala's abominable human rights record. American military supplies have no purpose in Guatemala but continued repression of the Guatemalan people, particularly its large Indian segment.

The growing military involvement of the United States in Nicaragua, Honduras and Guatemala - as well as in El Salvador - may stimulate Reagan's ego and self-image as standing up to communism, but it is painfully clear that it does nothing to enhance our national security or the welfare of the people of Central America.

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Plotting to save the good old British vegetable

Patricia Clough reports growing unrest over EEC policy

If you have taken over an old kitchen garden or allotment, think twice before pulling up those odd, brown-leaved lettuces or those curious beans with pods pointing upwards. When tidying the garden shed, pause before throwing away any old, faded seed packets. You may be destroying the last examples of some ancient British vegetable, condemning it to oblivion for ever.

This fate is threatening many old vegetables, grown for centuries in Britain's gardens and fields. The seeds handed down through generations, passed on to neighbours or bought in local markets. Many were restricted to small areas where they grew well, sometimes to one village or even only one plot.

Now they face extinction, the victims of standardization measures throughout the EEC which, in Britain, can mean fines of up to £1,000 for anyone who sells their seeds.

It may already be too late for the Durham miners' leak, which helped to keep its growers going through the grim days of the depression. Mr Philip Swindells, garden superintendent at the Northern Horticultural Society's headquarters at Harlow Car, near Harrogate, is looking for survivors but fears it has died out.

There is the Martock bean, cultivated since Cistercian monks started vegetable breeding in Britain in the 12th century, which survives in the Somerset village of Martock. Even older is the Ragged Jack, a coarse, pinkish variety of kale believed to have been brought to Britain by the Romans.

The old bean and pea varieties which dried well and provided Britons with a valuable source of protein for winter are vanishing, leaving the field to the kind that freeze well. Such is the Carlin pea, bred since Elizabethan times and common until the Second World War, and the soldier bean, so called because of a brown soldier-like figure on the white husk. Both are now rare.

"If varieties like this go we are losing a unique genetic resource," Mr Swindells says. "Once it has gone you can't breed it back again."

It is not really the EEC's fault. Like several other countries, Britain has been sorting out its seed regulations in the 1960s, but after it joined the EEC these were tightened up still further to suit Community regulations. More than 1,000 names were dropped and others are being

weeded out as time passes. There is now an official EEC list of permitted varieties, which is an amalgam of the ten official national lists.

The point of the lists was to create order among much confusion. Some varieties were called by different names in different parts of EEC countries. Conversely, the same names were being applied to several varieties that were in fact quite different. Government officials maintain that they simply threw out names, and that gardeners looking for a certain variety would find it under another name. But critics maintain that many actual varieties were dropped in the process.

One uncalculated side effect of the lists was to encourage the popular, commercially profitable, market-gardening varieties at the expense of the small, old-fashioned or local varieties planted by the amateur gardener. Any seedsmen who want to register a new variety has to pay about £600 for testing and another £80 a year for registration, which he can afford only if he is sure it will sell well - that is, at least 5,000 packets. Anyone can register an old variety, but they must be prepared to produce it on a suitable scale, and they do not get royalties.

As a result, the old-fashioned, space-saving amateur gardeners' pea, which grows to around five or six feet, is giving way to shorter, bushier versions more easily harvested by the commercial market gardener. Brussels sprouts plants which keep the housewife supplied over several weeks are disappearing in favour of those which produce sprouts all at once for mechanical cutting.

Varities on the lists must be "distinct" and "stable", which suits the modern, high-yield, F1 hybrid varieties which come up virtually identical, but not the primitive old-fashioned vegetables whose offspring are as different as the children in any family. The old-fashioned grower has smaller yields, but he could be reasonably sure that at least some would survive disease, a hard winter or drought. They might be less attractive, smaller and tougher than modern types but, their growers swear, they taste so much better.

However, in the vegetables' moment of peril, there are defenders to the rescue. First among these is Lawrence D. Hills, director of the Henry Doubleday Research Association at Bocking, near Braintree in

Essex. He has founded a seed library from which members can borrow unlisted seeds, replacing them when the plants reproduce their own. Members can become "seed guardians", raising and caring for threatened varieties.

Mr Hills is collecting seeds from Spain and Portugal in preparation for those countries' entry into the EEC, foreseeing that their richness of varieties will dwindle in the same way as Britain's. He is looking for a Greek correspondent who will obtain seeds of vegetables cultivated for centuries by the monks at Mount Athos monastery.

Thanks partly to his efforts, a gene bank has been set up with funds from Oxford at the National Vegetable Research Station at Wellesbourne, near Stratford-on-Avon. In the two and a half years since it was founded, it has collected 4,700 different kinds of seeds - the target is 20,000 - which are preserved at minus 25 degrees C.

Like Mr Hills, the research station encourages gardeners to send in seeds of little-known varieties or any old seed packets they may find. The bank can preserve a variety for centuries - if it gets the seeds in time. "If they do not come to us many are likely to die out", a spokesman said.

The gene bank is part of a worldwide network which is growing up amid growing concern at the loss of genetic diversity. The seeds preserved may hold qualities such as disease resistance, hardness or nutritional values which may be valuable for future generations.

Mr Derek Enright, Member of the European Parliament for Leeds, has extracted from Mr Poul Dalsager, the EEC Agriculture Commissioner, an assurance that the EEC will treat the problems of the small gardener sympathetically. Some of his constituents are worried about the future of the Leeds lettuce, a small local variety.

Many old vegetables can be seen, and sometimes even tasted, at five vegetable sanctuaries. One is at Mr Hills' establishment near Braintree, another at Harlow Car. The others are at Quarry Bank Mill, Snyal, near Wilmslow, Cheshire, which grows no plant developed later than 1900, Dean's Court, Wimborne, Dorset, which has an old walled kitchen garden, and in the collection of historic vegetables, including the Martock bean, at the Bishop's Palace, Wells, Somerset.

Panda to everyone's taste

The giant panda, when you consider it carefully, is really a useless creature with little more than its stylized teddy-bear features to commend it. Even the most passionate conservationists recognize that the millions of pounds squandered annually on attempts to increase its numbers could be far more profitably spent on other species, some of which, if not so vacuously cuddlesome, are at least edible or intelligent.

In public relations terms, however, the bear is nothing if not big business. Apart possibly from David Bellamy, it is all that millions of people know about conservation - and all they need to know. Its stylized teddy-bear features are ubiquitous as the emblem of the World Wildlife Fund; it is one of China's most sought-after exports, and its potency as a fund-raiser and focus of zoological research ultimately demolishes the arguments of those who would dismiss it as an evolutionary dead-end.

Apart from its notorious sexual and thus procreative inefficiency, the giant panda's general unfitness for survival is programmed into the ludicrously specialized habitat it requires. It feeds, for example, primarily on a few species of bamboo.

Those species, in an uncanny parallelism to the animal they support, have, over millennia, evolved a complicated and slow

reproductive method: they flower on average every 80 years and then die off for several years before regenerating. The result is famine. One such famine, in the 1970s, killed 138 pandas, more than one tenth of the estimated panda population in China.

Such famines are localized - not all species of bamboo burst into flower at once all over China - and in the past have been easily overcome by the pandas themselves. It was simply a matter of shifting their lazy butts to the nearest hillside. In a fairly small reserve

area, however, there can be no escape.

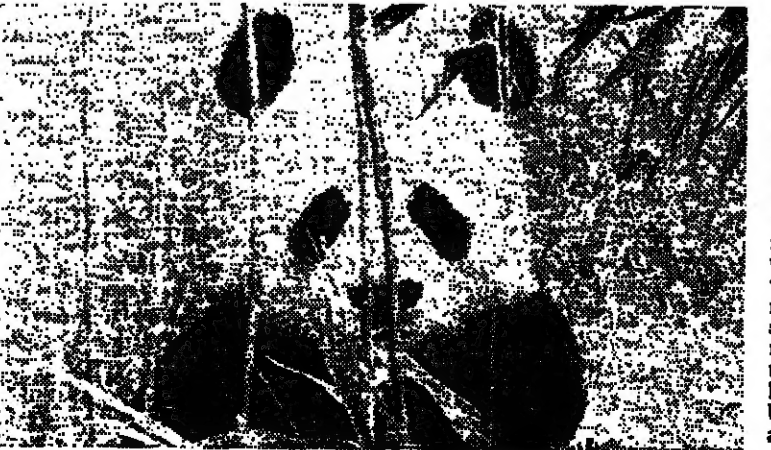
Warnings of impending famine at the important Wolong reserve in Sichuan province have been circulating for the past few years; now, according to the World Wildlife Fund, flowering has begun. About 200 pandas in the 124 square mile reserve are at risk, and flowering has also begun in Boxiong County, near by, which supports a further hundred. WWF, understandably, is moving quickly to protect its investment.

A search has begun in the area for

any non-flowering species of bamboo that might be an acceptable substitute; the flowering plants are to be analysed for nutritional content and the health of the animals monitored so that some at least might be trapped and released in other areas when they show signs of weakening.

Longer-term projects may include an intensive study of the ecology of bamboo itself, of which there are about 700 species, with obvious potential for many developing countries with or without pandas. Some rather intriguing evidence suggests a correlation between sunspots and flowering, although most scientists broach such matters at their own risk.

Meanwhile, "What can we do?" a field worker wrote from the Wolong reserve last year. "The direct physiological causes of mass flowering in bamboos, and the history of natural selection to this state, are virtual botanical mysteries. Even if we could predict and understand the mechanism of flowering, it is unlikely that we could prevent it without exorbitant research and management programmes. The soundest long-term solution is to retract the human disturbances at the lower elevations of the panda habitat, so that a greater area of bamboo forest and more species are available."



Panda propaganda: cuddlesome image

Tony Samstag

Spike Milligan

Save trees — don't waste paper (Ed.)

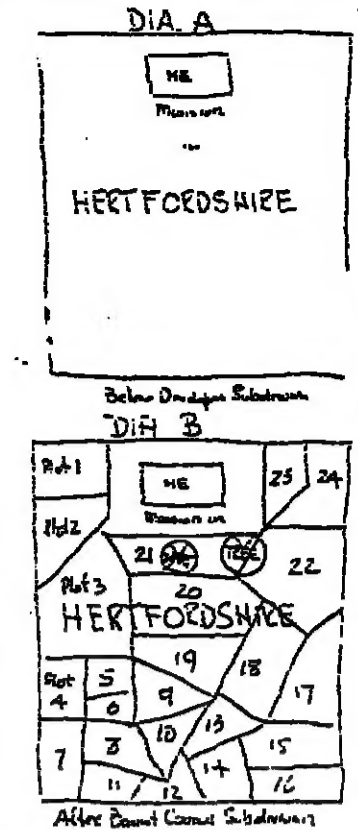
My name is being defiled, I tell you. The popular press has printed the name of the man who has been put on the "Black" list for appearing in South Africa. Fools! Most people in South Africa are black! What got me laughing was reading the American showbiz bulletin *Variety*, Shirley Bassey on Black List.

So what is the crime me Lord? That you Spike Milligan did, with malice a fore thought, etc etc, journey to the Cape, and did willingly make white people laugh. Laughing in white! Nay your Honour! Let the truth be told through the ancient pages of *The Times*. This is how it goes.

In 1974 during the building boom, my meagre semi-detached was suddenly very important in that they were pulling the street down to build high rise flats (the population of England is falling, ha ha ha), so a developer offers me hundreds of thousands of pounds or he will exchange my semi-det. 2 up, kit, bit, gdn, for a Mansion in Hertfordshire, so we did a straight swap, but the mansion, once in rambling acres, (see diagram A) was now all subdivided (see diagram B). It was now a piece of land a postage stamp, behind me was a sign, building plot for sale, dead centre was a beautiful Weeping Ash, and on the border a Superb Copper Beech. Milligan thinks! those trees should have a preservation order on, so I contacts those balls of fire the Barnet Borough Council, & lo, they speak and say Yes the Copper Beech has a Preservation Order, but, ha, ha, not the tree in the middle of the plot (the Ash), second letter. "Why is the Weeping Ash, which is rarer than the Beech unprotected? They answer, (wait for it), because of its condition. Gadzooks! is it pregnant?

I call unto me those fellows Men o' the Trees, who inspect the Ash with the sort of loving care a Dutch Jeweller would handle the Hope Diamond, they talk of the tree as "her". "She's orlrite, fact is she's a beauty, nought wrong with her." I pass their observations to the Barnet Borough Council, but they, like the sons of fun they are, insist that their expert is more expert than the Men o' the Trees. So, I'm faced with the task of saving the trees, how much is the land? The Vendor, friend of mine says, Spike it's £50,000 but in cash £15,000, we settle for £12,000, but I haven't a penny, but ha ha, here come de judgment day.

A South African Entrepreneur has been making me offers to go to the Vile Fascist Country, so Fascist that it has a Jewish community nearly as big as England's (quick! pen and paper, write, Dear Sir, How dare Spike Milligan say, etc, etc, etc). The offer to appear is exactly £12,000, so I went there, making sure that my contract stated that I appear for "multi racial audiences". I made sure that I always took the coloured stage staff to a restaurant after the show, (as food tasters, of course), they were a bit amazed



After David Copperfield

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telling me it was a "whites only", but no one objected, only the blacks who said "What are all these whites doing in heah?": no one seemed to care.

I went and did a show for the Asian community, did a couple of gigs for coloured schools, went to Soweto on Sharpeville Remembrance Sunday (I had to get a permit), I was the only white person in the Church, the Vicar asked me, "are you from de Police?"... the crux of it all was with the £12,000 I bought the building land, so with Fascist money I bought two trees from destruction by English bureaucracy, so, when these jokers who can't wait to put the finger "Racist!" on you, they might at least investigate the circumstances.

No one from English or American Equity has ever written to me asking why South Africa, I could give them some very good ones. Like I can get work there, but not here, like I think I'm a good actor, a funny man, and a clown to boot, yet in my 36 years in show business, I've very rarely been offered any stage work. This is not a cry of pity, just a statement of facts.

For the Guinness Book of Records, I must be one of the rare people who've never been offered a Summer Season, or a Pantomime, so its no good these jokers pointing the finger of racism at little old Spike Milligan; how about Nat West - they're appearing there every week, a lot of Equity actors bank with them, Howzat? Out?

Julie Davidson

Warning: holidays can damage your health

And then, of course, there's the holiday you need to prepare for your holiday. Or the time off you ought to take to organize your time off to get your pre-travel rest ("at least two good nights' sleep to alleviate the effects of nervous tension and travel fatigue"), collect your DHSS Form E111 (for free or cut-price medical treatment in an EEC emergency) and ransack the local pharmacy.

Sterile wound dressings? A must. Magnesium sulphate paste, an essential aid to the extraction of sea urchin spines. You may think you are going to the seaside, albeit the foreign seaside, but recent information suggests you are going to war.

Typhoid, rabies, unwholesome water, seafood ("a notorious hazard") and Portuguese men-of-war begin at Calais, according to a helpful booklet I've been reading called *Have A Good Trip!* In every other Eden beyond this sceptred Isle there is a serpent, and sometimes two: "Use a walking stick in snake-infested areas - they might attack the stick rather than you - and carry a torch at night".

There is an old, laborious schoolboy joke about "enjoying the trip" which is sometimes produced when someone falls over. Micropharm Ltd, the publishers of *Have A Good Trip!* seem to have borrowed from its humour, planting instructional banana skins along the routes of all our holiday ambitions. Although representing private enterprise, the inexpensive booklet (50p, 23 passport-sized pages) includes a contribution from the Health Education Council and has their endorsement.

Smokers and drinkers will find this encouraging. "Have a good trip" may signify but a faint flicker of energy diverted from the HEC's attention to their habits, but it's nice to have the no-no's passed around a bit. This catalogue of recreational negatives even tells you when to clock-in and out of sunbathing: "For the first few days, you should not sunbathe in northern Europe between 11.00 am and 3.00 pm or in places near the equator between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm. Never sunbathe between 12.00 and 2.00 pm unless you want to be sunburnt."

As we know from the song, it's advice which contradicts a tradition. In fact, worthy chirpy little works of this nature encourage rascals of our legendary spirit of adventure, not to mention the new disease of victimology. British tourists, I'm convinced, will ill-health upon themselves with their water purification tablets and first-aid kits. It was not always thus. Did Lady Hester Stanhope take out package

insurance? Did Sir Richard Burton pack his antihistamine cream?

I hope it isn't quite medical nonsense to suggest that if you're a regular traveller, then high level of protection can be counter-productive. After years of travelling in Europe it would never occur to me to avoid the local tap water and this nonchalance, I believe, has now accustomed my system to minor, non-British water-borne bugs.

Then there's insurance. I wish I had a pound for every pound I've spent on travel insurance. At one time I held the superstitious belief that a package policy possessed the properties of a magic amulet, and that if you didn't take out insurance, some divine and vengeful broker-in-sky would send flood, plague, earthquake and defective deck chairs to smite you down.

The day came when I found myself uncovered in Andalusia. Nothing happened. No diseased dogs fawned upon me ("Rabies is a serious hazard everywhere outside Britain. You can't get it if you are bitten, scratched or even licked") and no scorpions climbed into my shoes.

I then realized that for the past three years I had also been uncovered in France, Greece, Italy, Hungary, Mauritius, Singapore, Vancouver and Barbados.

I had started travelling so much and for so many reasons and at such short notice that it had become an effort to remember my passport, never mind my policy. And nothing happened. True, this may have been good timing more than good fortune.

The ship which had taken me round the coast of Indonesia caught fire and sank off Alaska on its next voyage. The Bay of Naples, on whose *frutti di mare* I had grazed, became pestilential with hepatitis. The day I left Mauritius, some fishermen caught and killed a Great White shark which had penetrated the lagoon where we had splashed and skied.

Which brings me to a final complaint about *Have A Good Trip!* Despite the giddy complacency and blithe recklessness of my attitude to holiday health, I was prepared to take advice from the section headed "Bites, Stings and Creepy Crawly Things" on the subject of my one major phobia about foreign parts. But Mr B. T. O'Boyle, who put the booklet together, and the Health Education Council, who blessed it, are singularly unhelpful in this area. They offer only one curt reference: "The chances of being bitten by a shark are practically nil."

Bitten I can handle. What about eaten?



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THE MORTGAGE MAGNET

Home ownership has long been high among British priorities. In this sphere, at least, the individual ambitions of millions of voters have been fully reflected in public policy. The years since 1979 have seen a plethora of new measures and decisions aimed at promoting owner-occupation and aiding house buyers. The right to buy council homes will swell the number of new mortgages by some 200,000 to around 1 million this year and nearly double the number of first-time buyers. This year alone, the limit on tax relief on interest has been raised to mortgages up to £30,000; the Finance Act has opened the wholesale money markets to the building societies; and a court decision will allow them to issue index-linked mortgages at low nominal interest rates for the first time.

It is doubtful if so strong, common and laudable a domestic ambition needs so many artificial stimulants in order to flourish; especially those that cause dubious distortions in the housing and financial markets.

Popular as such measures undoubtedly are, their success draws yet more of the country's savings into the housing market at the expense of productive business. Informed estimates suggest that an extra £15 billion will flood into new house mortgages this year, more than the increase in bank credit to the rest of the economy, even at a time of business recovery.

Of more immediate concern, the current housing boom, and the building societies' determination to minimize rationing by queue, threaten to keep the money supply well above target, to encourage the sort of financial instability that undermined recovery prior to the oil crisis in 1973, and to heighten the likelihood of higher interest rates for the economy as a whole.

After two slack years the housing market suddenly took off earlier this year. House prices were, on some estimates, rising at an annual rate of about 13 per cent, drawing in more would-be buyers anxious not to miss out. The building societies drew on their reserves to meet demand but, given strong competition in

the savings market, could not avoid queues forming. The recent 1½ per cent rise in their borrowing rates seems to have stabilized matters, helping both to slow the rise in prices and double the monthly inflow of funds. But this has only been achieved at a price.

Building society deposits are included in wider measures of the money supply and these were leading the general breaking of monetary targets before the effects of the latest increase in deposits. These wider money measures must take on ever greater significance as it becomes clear that many wealthier borrowers, egged on by private financial advisers, are abusing mortgage tax relief to borrow more than they need on changing houses to pay incidental bills, spend in the shops, or invest in other financial assets.

More directly, the extra deposits must come from somewhere. In this case, the building societies are competing heavily with banks and the Government for savings. Competition with banks has now gone beyond the high street into the money markets, where the societies hope to raise £4 billion in certificates of deposit, a market of only £11 billion, hitherto dominated by the banks. There is plenty of money in wholesale markets at this time of year, but, come the autumn, competition is bound to increase bank costs, adding pressure to raise interest rates at a time when industry is anxious to avoid any such jolt.

This is no criticism of the building societies. They are doing their job within the rules set by public policy. Their role has been increased by the transfer of council house finance to the private sector. And their task has been made harder by the erratic behaviour of banks, which have led to a seizure more than a third of the mortgage market on easy terms last year, then drew back, leaving the building societies struggling to fill the gap and live with the effects of last year's competition on lending terms.

The effects remain. The early stages of recovery are normally money-intensive and frequently

feature the housing market which helps spread demand to other sectors of the economy. It is possible to allow for this by adjusting money targets, but as the 1972-73 period showed, it is hard to return to a more normal course of money growth without disruptive rises in interest rates. The financial cycle has its own dynamic which does not wait on economic policies.

The way to ease these problems is to reconsider public policies towards housing incentives. It has long been realized that, within the limits set by alternative land use, the price of houses is largely determined by people's ability to pay for them. In the long run, tax reliefs are merely soaked up in higher prices, leaving the next round of buyers no better off. Mortgage relief on the extra £5,000 has already produced some signs of higher than average price increases at the upper end of the housing market. Until this happened, there was a tacit understanding that inflation would whittle away tax relief in a relatively painless manner. It would be wholly impractical to abolish tax reliefs overnight, but reasonable by annual instalments over a period. This would not merely ease growing financial pressures. It would when completed make possible a 2½ per cent cut in the standard rate of income tax and avoid both cross-subsidies and abuses of the system.

Today, we are still moving in the opposite direction. It is unjust, for instance, that an increase in the mortgage rate by clipping public revenue should require tax increases, cuts in public services, or sales of more shares in British Petroleum. If inflation-linked mortgages make any impact, we shall see a further comparative rise in low-price housing to destroy lasting benefits to first-time buyers and needlessly draw more savings into housing. The time has surely come when the integral importance of housing in the financial system should be recognized and public policies to encourage home ownership drawn up with that in mind.

OF IMAGINATION ALL COMPACT

The scene is a dank corner of a wood, smelling probably of roadstools, over-shadowed with bindweed and grass bent low with dew. Two exotic personages, their robes held above what looks to be rather slimy footing by minions of garish and murderous aspect, stand confronted in trance-like immobility. To judge by their surroundings, they must be rather less than a foot tall. But they seem giants beside their subjects and retinues, who creep through every part of the undergrowth, like insects industriously reducing the discoloured leaves and tendrils to decayed matter that will nourish fresh tangles of disordered abundance. Every inch of the painting's surface is congested with a microscopic activity, so intense that it seems to enervate and almost engulf the main figures: in a moment the fronds of Solomon's Seal threaten to clasp them like tentacles and draw them down into the compost.

It is not a world that one would wish to wake up and find oneself trapped in. The artist, the Victorian painter Richard Dadd, was trapped for 40 years in a world of obsessive delusions that the atmosphere of the painting communicates haunting impressions of. As a young man he murdered his father in a fit of insanity, and he spent the rest of his life in mental hospitals, continuing to work, industriously and in almost total critical

isolation, at his former trade of painting. One of his two principal masterpieces is "Contradiction: Oberon and Titania", which was sold in March for £550,000, twice what any Victorian painting has ever fetched at auction before.

The anonymous buyer is foreign, and the Government has refused an export licence. This gives British interests until November to match the bid and keep the picture in a public collection here. But the freakishly high price has made galleries slow to come forward to raise the money, and in the current economic climate, with so many other calls on their resources, they can scarcely be blamed.

In our recent correspondence about the painting, one reader complained not unreasonably that whenever a work of art is threatened with export a chorus of protest goes up as if it was at risk of falling into the clutches of barbarians. There is indeed an insularity about some campaigns to retain works having no special links with this country, by artists already well represented here. There is a general cultural case for the diffusion of major works and there are commercial and libertarian arguments for not interfering unduly with the market.

But compared to the scale of the outflow the chorus does not go up so very often. The committee which reviews export

licences receives thousands of applications a year, and delays approval in only a handful of cases in all categories - only nine times last year; it only imposes its temporary bar in cases of exceptional significance from the aesthetic or scholarly points of view, or because of close connections with British history or national life.

"Oberon and Titania" fully deserves to qualify on at least two of these three counts. It is the second finest example of the rare work of an artist who, apart from the intrinsic quality of his work, is a figure of exceptional psychological interest, in illustrating the theme of the interplay between genius and insanity in nineteenth and twentieth century art. The painting is also of some significance as a monument to Victorian society's treatment of the mentally ill which our own age has no occasion to be condescending about.

There is no doubt that it deserves to qualify: but does it deserve to qualify at the price? Any public collection with foresight could have had it for £7,000 in 1964 (even in real terms, less than a tenth of this year's price). But in 1964 £7,000 seemed decidedly steep. No one can say whether £550,000 will seem steep or modest when another 20 years have passed; but it is safe to predict that if the picture does leave Britain, it will still be missed then.

Prisons policy

From Mr John Wheeler, MP for Westminster North (Conservative). Sir, On July 29, for the thirtieth time, 74-year-old Mr Fred Hill was sent to one of our overcrowded prisons for 30 days. His offence was refusing to pay fines imposed because he will not wear a crash helmet when he rides a motor cycle. Mr Hill says he fought for freedom in the Second World War. The cost of his imprisonment will be about £700 to the taxpayer.

Meanwhile, in Whitehall, Treasury ministers struggle to curb public expenditure. Our prisons contain 6,500 petty offenders, sentenced for non-violent crimes connected with property, each serving an average of 12 months, at a cost of £7,500 to the taxpayer.

So, apart from the cases of the Fred Hills of this world and before we curb worthwhile public expenditure, might the Chancellor have a word with the Home Secretary? In 1981-82, total expenditure on the prison service in England and Wales was over £302m. But is it all worth it and has not the time come to reassess both purpose and policy?

Yours faithfully,
JOHN WHEELER,
House of Commons.

Student unions

From Ms Jane Taylor

Sir, Roger Scruton comes from a crop of Thatcherite ideologues who make their reputations by promoting extremist ideas in the name of "sweet reasonableness". His article on student unions ("Pros and cons on student unions", August 2) is a case in point, linking by inference the work of full-time (sabbatical) student union officers with a supposed conspiracy for left-wing takeover of society.

Mr Scruton's image of the job done by student full-timers is wishful thinking. It's not sit-ins or protests which dominate their time, but rather running complex and sophisticated unions with up to £1m turnover, developing substantial commercial services, dealing with innumerable grant, housing and welfare problems; and contributing to social, sporting and educational aspects of college life.

If student unions did not employ full-timers and staff to manage their affairs, I suspect Mr Scruton would jump at writing Times articles on the incompetence and irresponsibility of mere students controlling public funds.

Campus magazine has very little to do with "the innocence of student politics", as Mr Scruton suggests. It was launched, and is now run by former prominent members of the Federation of Conservative Students, including one who later became its chairman - is a full-time, party-paid student organiser. Amongst its early "satirical" articles Campus carried a two-page defence of South African apartheid.

As the largest student party-political organisation, Federation of Conservative Students' societies do very nicely out of public funds. NUS will always defend their right to organise amongst students. We will also continue to defend students' democratic right to oppose and protest against further erosion in the amount and standard of education on offer to the people of this country.

Perhaps Mr Scruton could find some equally serious problem to exercise his undoubted intellectual capacities?

Yours faithfully,
JANE TAYLOR,
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National Union of Students,
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August 2.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Elderly resent slur of being burden

From the Director of Social Services of Warwickshire County Council

Sir, May I enlist your assistance to dissuade some of our most distinguished politicians from referring to elderly people as a burden on the working population.

Apart from the gratuitous offence to a section of the community who, by definition, have done more than the rest of us to create our national wealth and are therefore entitled to share in it, the basis for these attacks is ill-informed.

For instance, the number of people over the age of retirement has actually been falling for some time and while the number of people in the very oldest age groups continues to increase, the number of people over the age of 75 years will reach its maximum in 1991 and then continue steady until the end of the century.

The number of people who are even older will continue to rise, although this is more than compensated for by the decrease in the "young elderly" group and the numbers involved are so small that they hardly constitute a threat to the national economy.

Furthermore, far from being unduly burdened by the number of dependants, both young and old, there has never been a time when the ratio of people of working age has been so high. It is hardly the fault of the children or the old people if we cannot better manage our affairs to ensure that more of the "workers" are actually in employment.

Far from being a burden on health and social services, the facts are that over 90 per cent of elderly people live and die in their own homes, making no more than marginal extra demands on their general practitioners, who receive an extra allowance for their trouble. It is only a small minority who seek or need specialist care in hospital or an old people's home or even sheltered

housing and no more than 6 per cent who receive home help or meals. The amount spent on housekeeping for old people in hospital compares unfavourably with the figures for the district general hospitals or even the prisons, which gives some idea of our priorities.

To add to the catalogue, old people make few demands on the education service and, if the rest of the population were so law-abiding, we could disband both the police force and the Army.

It is, however, when the politicians tell us that it is the failure of families to care for their elderly relatives and that we need a return to Victorian values that my blood boils.

We have, of course, a completely different population structure, with a fourth generation of which the Victorians knew nothing. The old person of the Victorian novel was probably about 70 and today would be more likely to be seen as a potential volunteer than as a recipient of services.

Similarly, it is untrue to suggest that relatives care less than they used to. The truth is that more families are caring for their elderly relatives than ever before in history, often at considerable cost to their physical and mental health.

May I suggest that a more appropriate role for the politicians, rather than making old people feel a burden and their relatives guilty, would be to concentrate on providing relief services for the elderly. They want nothing more than to retain their independence and their families will far more than make up for any cost.

Yours faithfully,
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Financial Times strike

From the Chairman and Chief Executive of the Financial Times

Sir, The article by your Labour Editor in your August 4 issue concerning the proposed industrial settlement at the Financial Times needs qualification.

By the understanding reached with the NGA, the 24 machine minders will not receive a £13 a week guaranteed increase. They will receive £7 on return to work and a further £6 only if a joint press room agreement is subsequently achieved or if its failure to be achieved is not due to an NGA rejection.

It is untrue that the mediator said the men should not have more than they were paid before the strike. His substantive recommendation was for a payment to them of £304.67,

this to include the provision of numerous facilities to the management which the NGA machine minders had not previously been prepared to offer.

The additional £7 referred to above is in respect of minor matters not covered by the mediator's recommendation, which we had always envisaged as involving a cost to us arising from bringing the NGA conditions of work in line with those of Sogat.

Mr Murray's statement that the NGA had accepted the recommendations of the mediator is therefore correct.

Yours faithfully,
A. V. HARE,
Chairman and Chief Executive,
Financial Times,
Bracken House,
10 Cannon Street, EC4,
August 4.

Typhoid in Kos

From Dr Alex Sakula

Sir, It is ironic that the outbreak of typhoid which is currently hitting the headlines should have centred on Kos, an Aegean island which, from ancient times, has been associated with the promotion of health and healing.

Kos was famous throughout the ancient world for its Asklepieion, where the cult of Asklepios, the Greek god of healing, flourished for many centuries. Moreover, it was in Kos that, in the fifth century BC, Hippocrates, the father of modern medicine was born.

Because of its climate and natural beauty Kos has in recent years become a popular holiday resort, but it is also a mecca for pilgrims - both medical and others - who visit the ruined Asklepieion and also linger under the great plane tree, the descendant of the original under which Hippocrates practised and taught medicine 25 centuries ago. It

was to help to preserve the Hippocratic tradition, especially its moral and ethical concepts, that the International Hippocratic Foundation of Kos was founded in 1960.

Compared with a century ago, when typhoid was rife and an extremely dangerous disease, its present incidence in Europe is greatly reduced. Sporadic cases and the occasional outbreak, such as the present one in Kos, do occur, but modern preventive and therapeutic measures have removed much of the terror formerly associated with the disease.

It is to be hoped, therefore, when the present outbreak is controlled - as, before long, it surely will be - that Kos will not have to carry a stigma for longer than is necessary and that intending travellers to that historic and beautiful island will not be deterred.

Yours faithfully,
ALEX SAKULA,
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Pilgrims Way,
Reigate, Surrey.

Buried treasure

From Dr Mansel Spratling

Sir, I should like to reinforce the concern expressed (July 16 and 23) at the loss of invaluable scientific information entailed by the finder's refusal to disclose precisely where in south Buckinghamshire, apparently near Hambleton, he found the two Iron Age harness trappings which he sold through Sotheby's on July 11.

Even after two centuries and more of discovery we possess remarkably few data for the formulation - let alone testing - of hypotheses about why some bronzes were eventually buried rather than, as was usual in Iron Age Britain, consigned to the crucible. Metrical data suggest that the so-called Hambleton pieces constituted a whole hoard, but the finder's intransigence precludes certification even of this simple matter.

We should not be shocked at the high price paid for the better preserved Hambleton trappings. Prices for like pieces have been rising for some time and reflect both their scarcity on the open market

and eventual international recognition of the high regard in which many prehistoric British artefacts have been held by archaeologists and the museum-going public.

Given, moreover, the existence world wide of institutions able to pay high prices, no fixed charge by HM or any other government such as Mr Selkirk advocates (July 23) is likely significantly to depreciate the international valuation of British antiquities.

I doubt the desirability of trying to prevent the export of the trappings bought by a Continental dealer, for it is no Iron Age "Contradiction: Oberon and Titania." Export would create no dangerous precedent, for British antiquities have long been sold abroad, as diversely as to Australia, California and Canada. Nor do I see why they should not be. Do we not, after all, continue to stuff our own museums and art galleries with the cultural heritage of other nations?

Yours faithfully,
MANSEL SPATLING,
Wolfson College, Cambridge.

Entry to Bar

From Sir Frederick Lawton

Sir, Your summary (July 29) of Mr Walter Merricks's article in a recent issue of the New Law Journal associated the Senate of the Inns of Court with a proposal which I put before the Advisory Committee on Legal Education at its last meeting.

The Bar is not, and in my professional lifetime has never been, concerned to exclude anyone with the wrong background, the wrong accents or the wrong faces; but it may want to exclude those who have the wrong attitudes to the law, the courts and clients.

What the Bar is concerned with is training those who have the right qualities for practice. Training

facilities are limited. The Senate has the task of deciding how to select the applicants for entry who have the best chance of succeeding in a profession which gives big rewards to the few who succeed and little to the majority who do not.

The universities and polytechnics will probably have to help with the selection of entrants. My proposal was that the help might best be given in a standard form of report which commented on an applicant's qualities which were relevant to practice. Academic ability is one quality but many outstanding examinees fail in practice whilst others who scraped through their examinations become leaders of their profession.

What does matter is an ability to express oneself well, both orally and in writing. Accents are irrelevant. Many accents are used by barristers. Lord Denning's Hampshire burr and the late Mr Justice Swift's Lancas-

On the other side of farming fence

From Mr Michael Saunders Watson

Sir, For the third time in three months you have published an article highly critical of the arable farmer. There was the double act of Richard Body and Lord Melchett in April, then there was your leader on oilseed rape (May 30) and now we have David Hart (feature, August 2).

You may have balanced these with an article giving the opposite viewpoint, but if so I am afraid I missed it and all three are so subjective, their facts so overstated, that the impression given to an uninformed reader must by now be that all arable farmers are hell-bent on destroying the countryside at the taxpayers' expense.

I am an arable farmer and I have removed hedges to create field sizes of 50 acres or so in order to allow the most efficient use of my equipment. I have, however, planted many hundreds of trees in field corners and hedgerows to compensate and no hedge has been removed without the most careful consideration of the effect on the overall shape of the landscape.

I hate those palls of smoke clouding a summer sky, but I, too, burn straw because I have to remove the surplus I cannot sell and to disinfect the field before cultivation. By using these techniques we have doubled our yield in the past ten years. We had to do this to stay in business, as in the latter half of the 1970s prices so lagged behind costs that it was only by increasing yield that we were able to keep going. Nineteen eighty-two reversed this trend, however, and we have been able to re-equip properly for the first time in eight years in preparation for a leaner future.

There is an alternative, which is to remove the support from agriculture and allow world markets to operate. We should then be competing with the vast American prairie system of low input and low output farming. The ensuing loss of hedgerows would only be equalled by the loss of jobs.

Planning controls might prevent the former, if they were implemented quickly enough, but it would be the end of the British cereal farmer. We should return to the position of the 1930s, when most of our food was imported and much land would be left derelict. The poppies would flourish once more and Mr Hart would be happy until

one day he found there was no bread in the shops.

Most farmers are conscious of the need to balance conservation with production, but there is a danger that if the present outcry continues unabated they may be driven to desperate measures to protect their position. The situation described as the norm by Mr Hart could well become a reality, in which case, heaven help us!

There are two sides to this question, therefore, and both need to be heard if we are to maintain food production without destroying the countryside.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL SAUNDERS WATSON
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From Mr W. F. de Salis

Sir, David Hart's shrill diatribe (feature, August 2) on the influence of the farming lobby misrepresents the point because he fails to record the views of the general public. A recent public opinion poll conducted by the British Market Research Bureau showed that 75 per cent of people believe that farmers and landowners do a good job looking after the countryside.

Despite changes in farming methods, the public still rank the landscape and scenery top of their list in the benefits which people get from the countryside. They would not have done this if farmers and landowners had ruined the countryside.

There is, of course, a need for major changes in the common agricultural policy. Hopefully British politicians will work towards changes which will ensure the continuing prosperity of British agriculture. British food can provide more employment between farmgate and the housewife's shopping basket than can food imported from our European neighbours.

It is surely time that political commentators in Britain changed their craft from one of knocking success stories to one which applauds them.

Yours faithfully,
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Mole among hounds

From the Chairman of the British Field Sports Society

Sir, On August 2 *The Times* gave prominence ("Spectrum") to a report about a man who served a nine-month prison sentence for desecrating the grave of the legendary huntsman, John Peel, and who has been following hunts with a camera to record their activities on behalf of the League Against Cruel Sports. When Peel's grave was vandalised his bones and those of his relatives were scattered around the church precincts and an obscene message left behind and an obscene message left behind.

That those who direct the League Against Cruel Sports can give credit to such a man or to such trickery may be no surprise to the many country people who suffer from their activities but it must be asked whether bona fide sympathisers can still believe in this organisation. Mr Huskisson/Wright/Wilkins - or whatever his current cover name may be - has at least done a public service by demonstrating the fact.

Hunts are open to all comers and it is absurd to say they have been "infiltrated". People who follow the hounds are accepted in good faith. Country sportsmen have nothing to hide and if those responsible offend against the accepted code of conduct they may expect to suffer for it. If their opponents have a case at law why do they not bring it instead of parading such duplicity?

The Director of the League Against Cruel Sports was reported yesterday (August 3), again in *The Times*, as ready to re-employ Mr Huskisson whom he had previously referred to as "the best undercover agent we've ever had".

In an overwhelmingly urban society country sportsmen must face

controversy and this we try to do, in the open and by fair argument. In the light of *The Times* report we are entitled to ask how it is that the Reverend Lord Soper, President of the League, or indeed anyone else who subscribes to it in good faith, can possibly support or give credence to such an organisation any longer.

Yours faithfully,
STEPHEN HASTINGS, Chairman,
British Field Sports Society,
59 Kennington Road, SE1,
August 4.

Theatre Museum

From Mr James R. Hodsmann

Sir, Has not the time come for Mr Norman St John-Stevens and the arts lobby to grant us a period of silence on the subject of the Theatre Museum?

The state assumes - quite rightly - awesome responsibilities for national defence, education, health care and social welfare and the nation as a whole - with varying priorities - supports these projects. I am sure that the majority think it right that the state should then go on to give aid to cultural activities and the preservation of our heritage.

But how remote from reality can you get? A playwright's work may be said to be one stage removed from real life, its interpretation two stages and a museum of interpretations three. Faces with the heavy cost of conserving the buildings and artefacts of our true past, thinking persons must surely accord a very low priority to the preservation of theatrical ephemera.

Yours faithfully,
JAMES R. HODSMAN,
32 Fulford Park,
York.

First-class returns

From Mr G. C. W. Beazley

Sir, First-class day-return tickets withdrawn by British Rail will be quickly restored, according to undertakings given my committee, if the ticket can be justified financially.

However, we have been told by senior BR management at York that there is no way BR can assess receipts from any single type of ticket. They only know total revenue collected at any station, therefore they have no idea at all whether first-class day returns produce more or less revenue.

British Rail finally introduced an electric suburban service on July 11 between Bedford and London. New rolling stock delivered in 1981 had first-class accommodation in each

set. However, this is now being downgraded to second class at a further capital cost of £10,000 per set.

Bedford and Luton are deprived of the choice of first-class travel at peak hours and cannot buy first-class day returns at off-peak times when the main line service calls at Bedford and Luton and the trains are running at less than 50 per cent seat occupancy.

We fear total withdrawal of first-class accommodation by stealth from London suburban and provincial secondary services. As representatives of the traveller the transport users' consultative committees will challenge BR's policy on this issue and seek implementation of reinstatement of first-class day returns nationally and first-class accommodation on the "Bed-Pan" line.

Yours faithfully,
GILBERT BEAZLEY,
Deputy Chairman,
Transport Users' Consultative Committee for East Anglia,
Bartlemas Farm,
Pavenham, Bedfordshire,
August 2.

Sea change

From Mr W. J. Kilpatrick

Sir, Where have all the sailors gone? "Most of the Norton's crewmen were transferred but there were no casualties" (your correspondent, Portsmouth, August 2).

What shall we do with the drunken crewman? Every nice girl loves a crewman? Home is the crewman, home from the sea? Ugh?

Yours etc,
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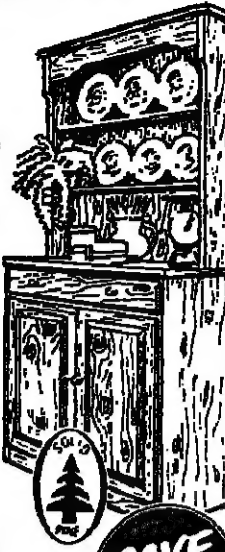
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down 0.5
Zurich SKA General 294.9
down 0.1

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling \$1.4855 down 20pts
Index 84.3 up 0.3
DM 3.9875 up 0.0125
FF 12.00 up 0.0550
Yen 362.50 unchanged
Dollar index 129.0 up 0.8
DM 2.6810

NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling \$1.4850
INTERCONTINENTAL
ECU 57.1555
SDR 70.6684

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rate 9½%
Finance houses base rate 10%
Discount market loans week fixed 8½%
3 month interbank 9½-9½%
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 10½-10½%
3 month DM 5½-5½%
3 month FF 16½-16½%
US rates:
Bank prime rate 10.50
Fed funds 9½%
Treasury long bond 9½-9½%
ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling
Export Finance Scheme
Average reference rate for
interest period 6 July to 2
August, 1983 inclusive: 9.989
per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am \$409 pm \$409.75
Settle \$410.75-411.50 (\$278.5-
277) down \$2.25
New York latest \$409.75
Kruggerand (per cent)
\$423-424.50 (\$284.50-285.50)
Sovereigns (new):
\$96-97 (\$64.50-65.25)
*Excludes VAT

NOTEBOOK

Rubber prices have bounced up over the last six months, after two years of depression. If they continue at the present rate they could, within weeks, reach the point at which the rubber buffer stock manager must sell. How will the market react?

American Depository receipts, previously an obscure technicality, sprang to prominence during the Sotheby affair. In recent weeks American investors have acquired sizable stakes in blue chip British companies. But the speed at which these stakes have increased has posed problems for Morgan Guaranty, the inventor of ADRs.

In the wake of Henderson administration another investment group has restructured. Atlantic Assets is capitalizing holdings in Ivory & Sime and Personal Assets. The directors will realize some of their holdings, but the discount is attractive to other shareholders.

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COMPANY NEWS
IN BRIEF

Longdon Industrial Holdings
Year to 31.3.83
Pretax profit £185,000 (loss)
£136,000
Stated loss 4.5p (8.6p)
Turnover £37,700,000
Net final dividend 1p (same)

Sidney C. Banks
Year to 30.4.83
Pretax profit £1,171,000
£572,000
Stated earnings 25.48p (23.02p)
Turnover £89,724,000
£73,044,000

Aquila Securities
Half-year to 30.6.83
Pretax profit £134,000 (£288,000)
Stated earnings 0.69p (0.31p)
Net interim dividend 0.45p (0.4p)
Dividend payable 4.10.83

Streeters of Godalming
Year to 31.12.82
Pretax loss £387,000 (£215,000)
Profit £145,000 (£10,000)
Turnover £9,601,000 (£10,752,000)
at final dividend none (same)

Exports boost by former BA subsidiary

STC celebrates independence by doubling interim profits to £42m

By Michael Prest

Standard Telephone and Cables, the electronics group, celebrated the independence it won from I.T.T. last year by revealing yesterday that interim pretax profits leapt to £42.4m from £26.4m.

Sales grew in line with profits, from £270m to £406m. But much the biggest improvement was in telecommunications, where sales went up by £78m to £256m, and pretax income rose by 40 per cent. Components and distribution, which has suffered from low demand and squeezed margins, managed £107m compared with £92m.

Nevertheless, the sales figures also clearly demonstrate the worth of last March's £60 purchase of International Aeradio IAL British Airways, IAL accounted for nearly all of the £42.5m of sales from assets acquired this year.

IAL also contributed about half the enormous increase in export sales. Sir Kenneth Corfield, STC's chairman, said that exports shot up by 90 per cent to £111m. IAL was bought as part of the Government's programme of selling assets to the private sector. The company specializes in computer and aviation services and in communications.

The huge Anzac cable contract, under which STC provides the cables to link Australia, New Zealand and Canada in a new telecommunications system, produced a 40 per cent rise in pretax income. These made up part of the extra export sales.

STC does not break down profits or sales between its six divisions at the interim stage, but it is clear that telecommunications and telephone exchanges in particular are important



Corfield: Exports rose by 90 per cent

profit centres. The company claims to be the country's biggest exporter of telecommunications equipment, the bulk of it for civilian use. It does not export exchanges.

At the end of last year STC

Telecom with TXE4A exchanges at the rate of one a week, and that business should continue at that level for several years.

Sales of business systems are also proceeding briskly. Demand for telephones, word processing equipment, data terminals and visual display units, and the smaller PABX telephone exchanges, is growing. There has also been a strong demand, from business and private consumers for the "intelligent" telephones manufactured by STC Telecommunications.

STC expects expenditure on research and development to be more than £40m compared with £30m last year.

With earnings per share up from 6.2p to 8.5p, it is widely expected in the City that last year's pretax profits of £64.3m could become as much as £100m in 1983.

Exports to eastern
Europe up 16%

By John Lawless

British exports to eastern Europe are increasing very fast this year as sales to the world as a whole.

At £401m in the first five months, they are 16 per cent up on the same period in 1982, against a global increase of 7 per cent.

Extraordinarily, Poland is Britain's biggest growth customer. Sales of £67m there between January and May produced a 72 per cent leap in British exports.

Exceptional factors are at play, though. Poland's foreign purchases were low last year but, without having to pay its debts while western sanctions are in force, the Warsaw authorities have much more ready cash to spend.

The increase in sales to the Soviet Union, at 46 per cent, is much more significant.

Exports reached £194m by the end of May, against £133m a year before.

"Most encouraging is that sales seem to be rising right across the board", Mr Anthony Hore, executive secretary of the East European Trade Council, said yesterday. "There is no jumbo-sized project in the pipeline."

Shipments from John Brown Engineering to the Siberian gas pipeline, which President Rea-

gan last year tried to block, have helped the power generating equipment sector to notch up £18.5m worth of sales, a rise of £15m.

Industrial machinery has gone up £10m, to £27.5m, and chemicals and textiles and yarns have recorded healthy gains. Other important exports which do well in the Soviet market, include iron and steel and office machinery.

Comecon countries, with the exception of Bulgaria, are currently selling more to Britain. East Germany's five-month export rise of 43 per cent, to £77m, leads, followed by Hungary and Czechoslovakia. Total sales by East Europe to May were up 12 per cent, to £499m.

The Soviet Union sales rise, though, is only 5 per cent. At £258m, they are still worth more than half the East European total.

With the distortion of £250m-plus year in diamond sales now removed from Britain's Overseas Trade Statistics because they are sold on through the London market, Russian exports remain dominated by raw materials. Oil makes up two-thirds of everything that Britain buys (of a type not found in the North Sea).

What Britain sells and buys from the Soviet Union (1982)			
UK exports	£m	UK imports	£m
Textiles and machinery	69	Oil	427
Textiles and machinery	42	Diamonds*	270
Power equipment	37	Wood etc	84
Chemicals	29	Hides and skins	23
Iron and steel	19		
Office machinery	15		
Total	£356m	Total	£915m

*Estimate based on 1978-80 averages, diamonds no longer being recorded in UK Overseas Trade Statistics

Big profits
recovery
for McLeod

By Our Financial Staff

McLeod Russell, the plantations company, yesterday announced a big recovery in profits.

At the same time the directors unveiled a new corporate strategy, the objective of which is to achieve an equal division of resources between three areas of activity - plantations, property and trading, and manufacturing.

At present the vast majority of the group's profits come from overseas plantations, leaving the company with considerable carried forward tax losses in the UK and unrelieved advance corporation tax.

Waddington attack
renewed by BPCC

By Philip Robinson

Mr Robert Maxwell, chairman of British Printing and Communications Corporation, yesterday launched a fresh attack on the management record of John Waddington, for which his group is bidding £18.2m.

Waddington has rejected Mr Maxwell's takeover offer as opportunistic. The Leeds-based packaging stationery and games company says it will make profits of at least £3m in the current year and pay total dividends up from 0.5p to 1.5p.

In a letter to Waddington shareholders detailing his latest offer, Mr Maxwell says: "So far your directors have advised you not to accept our increased offer. I believe that in their management record they do not deserve your confidence."

He says he thinks a £3m profit would represent a once-off figure arising from the cutting of "a fragile figure, for your board admits that it

expects sales to be only similar to last year's."

Mr Maxwell says the forecast dividend is covered only 1.5 times on a full-tax basis and reminds Waddington shareholders that in the financial years 1981 to 1983 the dividend was halved and then reduced to a derisory level.

Waddington has been fighting for its independence for the past two months since a bid was launched by Norton Opax. Earlier this week Norton said its Waddington shares for a £250,000 profit to BPCC. This means BPCC now owns a 19 per cent stake in Waddington.

Mr Victor Watson, Waddington chairman, says BPCC is still trying to get his company on the cheap even with its increased offer.

Waddington will be writing to its shareholders again next week urging rejection of the BPCC offer, which initially closes on August 23.

business and the addition of the Genevieve chain of restaurants.

The Mario Franco restaurant chain, which was losing money heavily when the group bought it 18 months ago for £1.25m, is now trading profitably and is to expand the number of outlets.

Genevieve Restaurants is said to be performing well and the group believes that its profit will improve when it completes refurbishment within six months.

In the past few months the group has been reorganizing into separate divisions to increase the independence of the restaurants.

Mr Golder says: "It is important to keep the personal touch in this business so the more independence you can give the restaurants the better."

The rise in profits is attributed to improved trading in nearly all parts of the group's

IN BRIEF

International
Signal
buoyant

First-quarter results of International Signal and Control Group are ahead of budget, yet most of the financial year's profits will be made in the second half, it was said at yesterday's annual meeting.

The order book for both the military systems and international divisions have been growing at a very satisfactory rate, according to Mr James Green, the chairman. In Britain, the company secured its first contracts with the Ministry of Defence.

● Cluff Oil is reducing the level of exploration in North America until its American subsidiary can finance future wells out of cash-flow. Mr Algy Cluff, the chairman, said in the annual report.

● Demand for gas in the US continued to be depressed. North Sea royalty income was hit by bad winter weather.

● Tarmac Building Products has agreed with the Cookson Group to buy Durastec, a wholly-owned subsidiary of Cookson.

● Leyland Trucks has won an order for 52 vehicles to be used in the construction of Mount Pleasant airport in the Falklands. Worth about £3m including spare parts and on-the-ground service support, it includes 51 trucks from Leyland's Bathgate plant in West Lothian and a tractor unit from the Scammell plant, Watford.

● Norsk Hydro and the Swedish chemicals company, Kemanol, have agreed to enter into negotiation with a view to Norsk acquiring Kemanol's PVC operations. Kemanol has a PVC production capacity of 110,000 tonnes a year.

US jobless rate in
sharp fall to 9.5%

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The United States unemployment rate fell to 9.5 per cent in July as nearly 500,000 Americans found jobs, the Labour Department reported here.

Last month's reduction from June's 10.0 per cent underscored the steady progress in reducing national unemployment that has taken place since the severe recession ended last year. Then, the unemployment rate was at a post-war high of 10.8 per cent.

Unemployment has not fallen by as much as half a percentage point in a single month for many years. Total employment increased by 499,000 to 101.3 million last month.

A White House official called the Labour Department's report "outstanding" and added:

Dow starts to recover

WALL STREET

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - Wall Street stocks were narrowly mixed in early trading yesterday, after recovering part of their heavy loss.

The Dow Jones industrial average fell about a point after sliding five from an early advance. Advances and declines were even and trading was moderate.

Mr Arthur D Ammann of Boettcher company of Denver says "Some believe this market is oversold, but I expect it will become even more oversold. A close below 1,180 which I expect will occur today can result in a drop to 1,100 or lower."

International Business Machines at 119½ was down ½; General Motors was 68½ down ½; Exxon was 37½ up ½; NCR was 116 down ½; Ford was 54½ down ½; AMP was 30½ down ½; McDonnell Douglas was 49½ down ½; Digital Equipment was 104½ up ½; Northwest Airlines was 44 down ½ and Commodore International was 42½ up ½.

American Telephone & Telegraph rose ½ to 62½; Gene Ral

"These figures speak far louder than words and there's nothing I can add to the good news they portray for the American worker."

However, 10.6 million Americans are still unemployed, 556,000 below June's level.

The July decline in joblessness occurred primarily among women, whose rate fell 0.7 percentage points to 7.9 per cent. The rate for men declined from 9 per cent to 8.8 per cent.

● International Harvester is continuing talks with other companies, including Enasa of Spain, about the possible sale of Johnson-Arkison truck subsidiary in Britain. General Motors says it has stopped talks about takeover of the subsidiary.

Electric fell ½ to 48½; Texas Instruments fell ½ to 105½; Johnson & Johnson fell ½ to 42½; K-Mart rose ½ to 31½; Sears Roebuck fell ½ to 40½; and Tandy fell ½ to 42½.

● US credit markets opened lower amid pessimism about the outlook for interest rates because of the robust economy and strong money supply growth, dealers said.

Prices were marked down they said, in a renewed bid to attract investors to the \$15.75bn (£10.64bn) of Treasury securities auctioned during this week's refunding. Demand for the \$4bn sale of 30-year bonds was strong, but came mostly from dealers.

The new bonds, due 2013 and bearing a 12 per cent coupon, opened at 99 1/32, ½ below the 99.357 average auction price, while the 10½ of 2012 shed ½ to 86½.

Forecasts of a rise in the weekly US M1 money supply figures of about 600m also discouraged buyers.

City Editor's Comment

The long, hard road
to Wytch Farm

If Mrs Thatcher's first four years taught this Government anything about privatization, it was surely that converting simple manifesto promises into reality is a terribly frustrating, time-consuming and complicated business.

Nowhere has the task proved more sisyphian than with the Government's plans to sell off the British Gas corporation's 50 per cent stake in Wytch Farm, the country's largest on-shore oil field.

It is now more than two years since Mr David Howell, then Secretary of State for Energy, first announced the Government's intention to sell the asset. Two energy secretaries later, the process has still not been completed, notwithstanding the fact that the department's original deadline for completing the disposal was the end of the 1981/2 financial year (i.e. 16 and a bit months ago).

A buyer has been found in the form of the Dorset Group, a consortium of five independent British oil companies, and the terms of the sale have, after protracted negotiations, finally been approved (by the Government at least, if not by the gas corporation. But once again, the latest deadline for tying up the sale - the middle of last month - has come and gone. The betting is that it will be several weeks before the final legal and contractual issues have been settled, and Wytch Farm moves into the private sector.

It is ironic that the Government's original decision to sell the asset by auction to the oil industry, rather than issue shares to the public, was taken in the belief that it would enable the whole process to be wrapped up more quickly. This calculation has proved to be startlingly misguided.

Add to this the fact that British Gas has, by common consent, had much the better of the argument about the wisdom of selling off a proven revenue-earning asset during a buyer's market in oil, and it is no surprise that government ministers have long since given up boasting about this particular roll-back of the State frontiers.

The price the Government will obtain for Wytch Farm - £80m as an initial payment, and £80m later, followed by further small royalty payments if production reaches certain levels - is hardly a princely sum that justifies the hours of effort that have gone into forcing through the sale against the corporation's wishes.

The lessons from the exercise have proved invaluable however in preparing for future privatization.

This is why the Government is handling the proposed sale of the corporation's North Sea oil assets differently. From September 1, the assets will be owned and managed directly by the energy department until a share sale or oil industry auction can be arranged. This will probably take the best part of a year.

Handling the sale itself is common sense, but also somewhat bizarre. For it means that a non-interventionist and privatizing Government will now be actively running, on a day-to-day basis, a business that it believes it should not be in.

Meanwhile, Tricentol, Carless Capel, Clyde and the other British oil companies in the Dorset group are growing old waiting to get their hands on an asset which will play a key role in determining whether they are to prosper or not in the next few years' tougher oil climate.

Who would have thought that Tricentol would get quicker service from the Chinese, who are expected to sign an exploration deal with them in the next day or two, than they would from their own Government?

Phoenix trims losses

By Wayne Lintott

Phoenix Timber has announced full year pretax losses of £995,000 compared with £1.2m loss a year ago.

There is no dividend for the third consecutive year, but Mr Alexander Gourvitch, chairman, says trading is profitable now.

Phoenix has heavily rationalized its business and in the first four months showed £200,000 of profits and a rise in sales of 28 per cent.

Sales in the year ended last March rose to £43.5m, from £39.5m the year before.

Other benefits seen in the present year come from discontinued trading at Dewsbury and Leeds, while two businesses were sold as going concerns.

The main importing and trading areas of softwoods, sheet materials and hardwoods have been rationalized.

Mr Gourvitch is confident that the trading recovery will continue and that a satisfactory profit will be earned in the present year.

The board will recommend a dividend when trading profits permit, he says.

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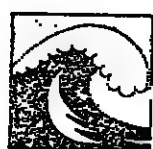
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Gontran Goulden boards a packet ship for a Norwegian coastal cruise Weaving around the Arctic's rocky fjords on the decks of the Midnight Sun



My uncle Hubert used to say that when a man was getting on a bit and feeling a bit seedy a sea voyage was just the thing. Mind you, I don't think he had ever been further than Margate in one of those old paddle-steamers, but he was right in principle.

Sea voyages, apart from cruises, are not easy to find these days, and if I hadn't met a Hebridean deep-sea diver in Charing Cross Hospital I might never have heard of the Norwegian Coastal Service.

Now in its nineteenth year it operates daily between Bergen on the west coast and Kirkenes in the far north, a distance of about 1,200 miles, of which half is within the Arctic Circle. The round trip takes 11 days and the ship makes 34 calls in each direction, serving as a long-distance bus and carrying mail, frozen fish and general freight between mainland ports and off-shore islands.

The attraction for the discerning tourist is that he can take a round trip mainly in sheltered waters amid the superb scenery of the fjords, without all the brouhaha of a cruise.

For the seadog, who loves to arrive in a strange harbour and appreciate skilful pilotage and the niceties of coming alongside in all weathers, this is a special treat, and for land-lubbers, a new and fascinating experience.

Eleven ships maintain the service. We took one of the newest and largest, the *Midnatsol* under the command of Captain Bard Edvardsen. She is odd to look at, but ships have been getting uglier since they started putting engines in them. Of all-welded construction, she has widely flared bows, slab sides and her upper works are pushed right forward. Above her rail she has four decks surrounded by a "greenhouse" giving an excellent all-round view.

The after deck is arranged for containers, with space for 40 cars in a hangar beneath. A large crane occupies the middle of this deck, pushing the single rectangular funnel to one side; logical but not pretty. The engines are in the stern under the hanger. The *Midnatsol* being a very manoeuvrable "high technology" ship, everything is controlled from the bridge, a quiet place where an officer in an armchair, wearing bedroom slippers, sits surrounded by controls, knobs and dials, very much like the flight deck of an aircraft.

The passenger accommodation is excellent. Interior design is first class, and the standard cabins, with shower, basin and lavatory are roomy for one, reasonable for two, and can take three. Public rooms are comfortably furnished, and a lift makes life easier for the oldies. In the dining room excellent fish is plentiful and well served.

An almost continuous chain of skerries - flat-topped rocks - form a breakwater along the west coast of Norway, upon which the rollers of the North Sea pound with a constant roar. Inside this barrier the skerries become small islands to which buildings cling like limpets. Then come the larger islands in all shapes and sizes. Our route runs between them and the fjord-indented mainland.

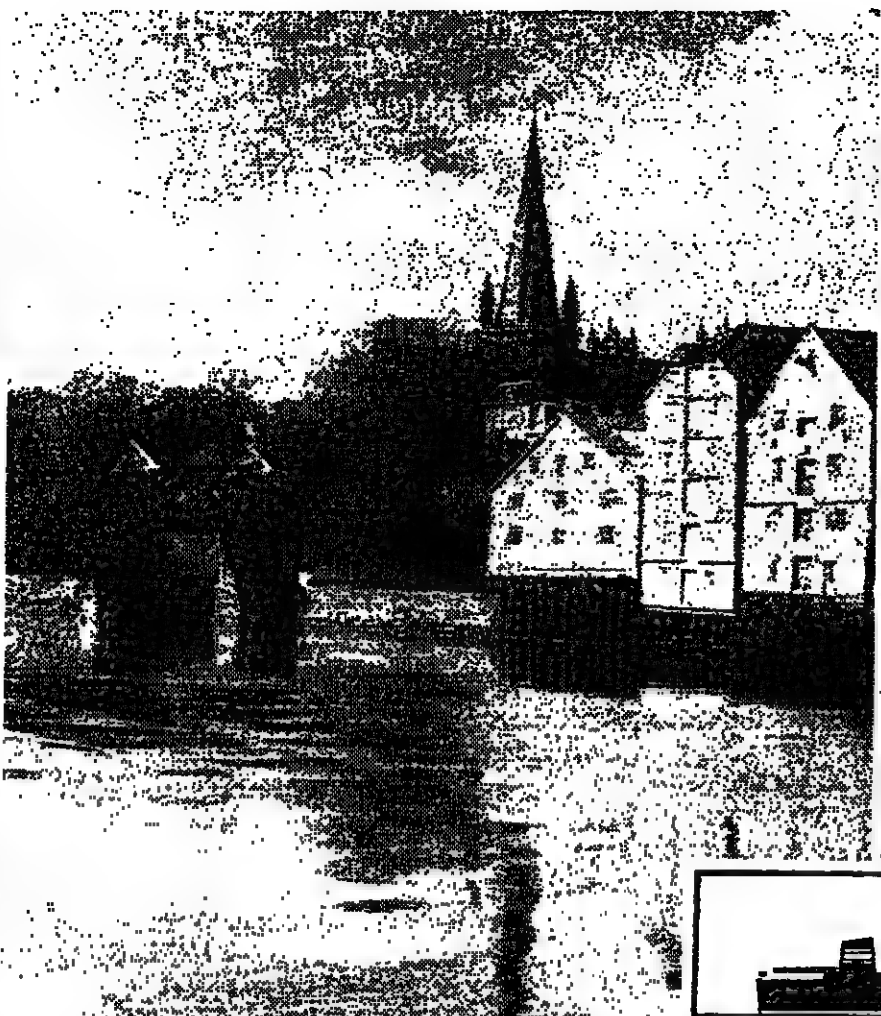
The scene changes constantly, offering little repose to those who want to see everything. We head for a narrow channel between two islands whose slopes plunge straight into the water. The texture of the rocks varies greatly - some are smooth and benign, others harsh and terrifying in their roughness. The view opens out into a wide fjord with distant mountains, then closes again to form another narrow channel, flanked by bath-shaped islands where scattered houses crouch in sheltered bays.

In April most low peaks have an icing sugar dusting of snow, which lying more thickly in crevices creates a striped black and white effect. Colours generally are sombre - grey, black and brown in varied shades depending on the light. Later everything will be green with birch trees. Always when the view opens out there is a distant panorama of jagged and smooth white mountains where the shadows are blue. In the evening the white snows change to pink in the setting sun.

The scenery in bright sunlight - it shone almost all the time - is one of immense grandeur which a cloud can turn in an instant to one of menace and forboding, accentuated, perhaps, by the bright red sail of a fishing boat.

Often when the mountain slopes flatten before entering the water there are timber houses, very neat and prim, and traditionally painted in all the pale colours of the rainbow. Fishermen's houses stand on piles at the water's edge with a moored fishing boat alongside.

A red mail van waits, and two men arrive to take the warps. The *Midnatsol* is laid alongside, and the moment she is moored the quay comes to life. An enormous ramp is



Cathedral spire: Trondheim's old waterfront.

lowered from her side and several fork-lift trucks hurdle to unload the mail and merchandise. Goods for loading are waiting in stacks. Loading and unloading goes on simultaneously and at top speed, the trucks avoiding each other like seagulls on the wing.

A loudspeaker warns that the ship is about to leave. The ramp and gangway are hauled up, warps cast off, one blast on the hooter and we are away. The operation may have taken 20 minutes or two hours, but we are always on time.

Few towns look their best from the docks. Trondheim, Norway's third largest city, is no exception. Warehouses, lorry parks, marshalling yards and general mess keep the ship at arm's length. It is only in the small towns that the quays are close to the centre, and even there, brand new storehouses are replacing the handsome old timber buildings. However we did see some conservation and preservation of wooden buildings going on, particularly in

Tromsø, where, in sharp contrast, a huge high-level concrete bridge spans the fjord. The North Cape was named by the British explorer Richard Chancellor in 1553, and Admiral Lord Fraser took it as his title after the Second World War. It is very large and intimidating; black, precipitous, potentially storm-swept and a thousand feet high. We rounded it slowly and with proper respect.

Many ports were virtually obliterated during the war. Most, like Hammerfest, the world's northernmost town, were rebuilt without imagination. Kirkenes, the turning point of our voyage, where magnetite is mined, is another.

As we steam further north the weather has become noticeably colder, though no less brilliant. At Kirkenes a thin film of ice covers the water, with deep snow ashore.

There is however one exception to this lack of imagination - Kristiansund, an internal harbour surrounded by fine

timber buildings all painted white or pale green, pink, grey or brown. Although grievously damaged, the town has been rebuilt in the traditional way. The real architecture of the fjords is in the waterside groups of buildings and an occasional church.

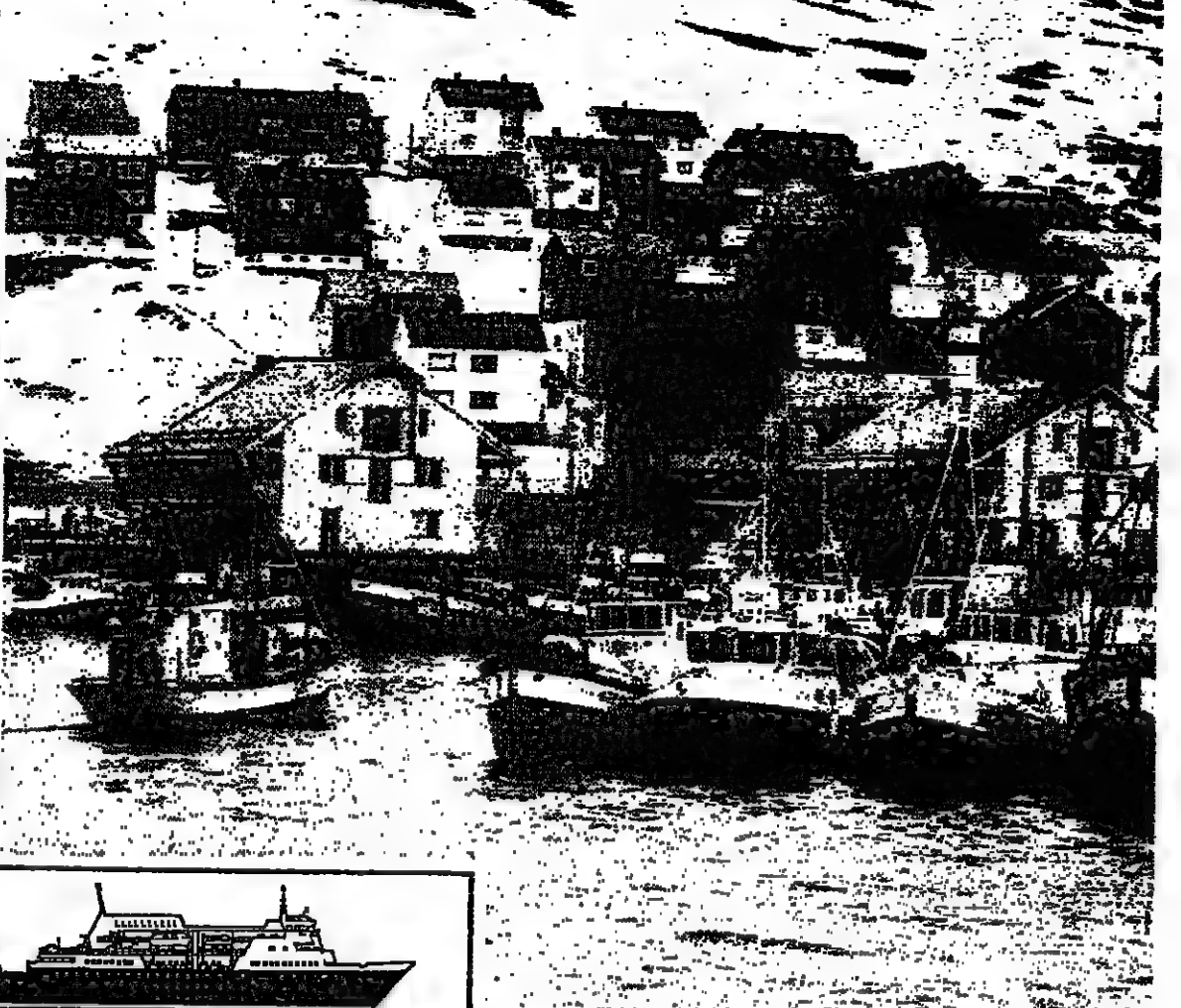
The most exciting part of the whole voyage was the homeward passage from Harstad to Svolvær in the Lofoten islands. Channels were narrower, banks steeper, precipices more forbidding and mountains more jagged. It was a microcosm of the whole trip which included two of the most interesting harbours and a terrible pang of drying fish at Svolvær.

We were well advised to take our trip early in the season, but we were lucky with the weather. We had expected it to be bad. There were only 26 of us on the round trip, but plenty of short-haul passengers, who seemed to spend their time below. We had the decks to ourselves. If the ship had been full, meals would have been in relays, decks crowded and people in the public rooms sitting on each other's knees.

The real menace came from hordes of rampaging children. On one night passage 300 of them slept (or rather didn't sleep) in halls, alleyways and even the lift. We lashed them with our tongues at 3 a.m. but to little effect. We reflected that we were there on sufferance for, after all, this was really a bus service.

We were too late for the Northern Lights, and too early for the Midnight Sun; rare birds had not yet come north. Some people saw a whale but it may have been that submarine.

The Captain and his crew ran



Black beauty: Fishing boats at Honningsvåg.

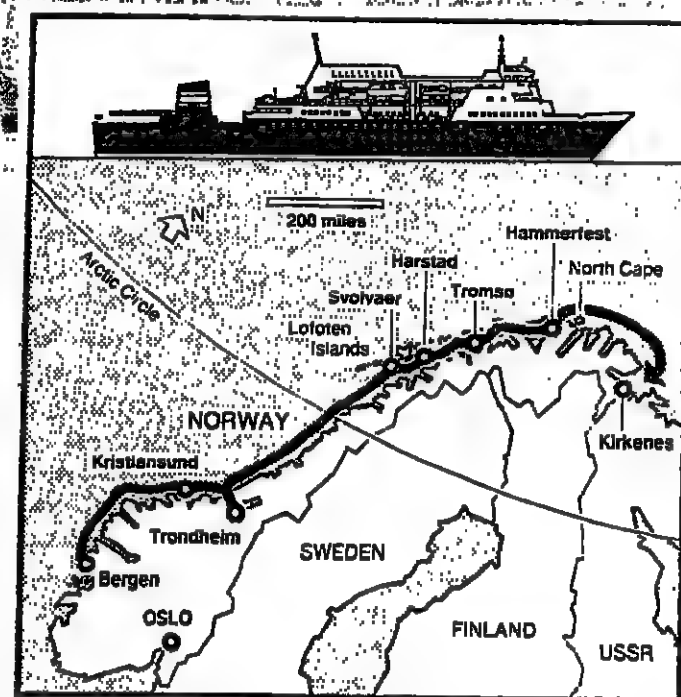
a good ship, and otherwise were self-effacing. A smart girl purser was our obliging mentor.

Back in Bergen, clutching our Arctic Circle certificates issued by Njord, god of the Seven Seas, we left the *Midnatsol* with real regret after a marvellous voyage that did much more than just blow away the cobwebs.

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We were well advised to take

A swirl and a paddle in chipmunk country



White water rafting puts your heart in your mouth and keeps it there. Vanity must go out of the window: on arrival you put on (if the weather is unreliable) a very bright orange wetsuit, probably still wet from the person before you. You change out of your comfortable clothes in a cold and draughty outdoor house, peeling on the orange skin with distinct repulsion. Take heart - they (and you) warm up. Pimsliss on feet, life jacket tightly tied on, you climb into sturdy inflatables and are given a brief instructive talk by impossibly tough-looking Canadians on the lines of: "If you fall out, don't panic, but mind the rocks."

The sun saw us off, as we began tentatively to follow the other boat. There were 10 of us in our boat, and we were accompanied by a jaunty Frenchman called Jérôme, who was our guide, our helmsman and our courage. "Look about you. Admire the scenery. These trees reach to the water's edge. You are travelling through them in the only possible way. There used to be trappers and traders and much portage (carrying of canoes and cargo when the river canoes got too tough), now there are woodsmen and lumberjacks. And bears, raccoons, porcupines,

skunks, occasionally moose. The river ran smooth and quick, the trees were very green, chipmunks scouted about on the banks. But in the distance came the haziness of spray, the mist thrown up by the rapids, the white water we had come to try. A great and nervous silence came over the boat. We were worried.

Jérôme was not, and stopped us to rehearse the safety precautions. We pulled our life jacket straps tighter still, and listened to our instructions: "You'll love it. If the boat stays upright, stay where you are; if it surfs the water, you must jump to the higher side, otherwise you will fall out. Don't worry if that happens - there are men with ropes on shore, and there are those in kayaks who will come to find you. Listen to me. When I say paddle, paddle. If I say more, give it all you've got, otherwise we will be stuck."

We ploughed on, none of us with any idea of what to expect, but becoming less convinced about the fun we were going to have. We paddled hard, and the water changed from smooth to paralytically bubbly, mountainous in its proportions, and we were in.

"Forward right, back left! More, more! Come on, pull!" The water piled high and broke over us, cold enough to make us gasp, and then whoop with exhilaration. Sideways, forward, tossed about like James Bond's Martini, we were through in seconds. We looked back at the water, white and powerful, and felt wonderful. After that it was plain sailing.

The rapids became at times more difficult, more dangerous - "if you don't paddle very hard". To stay in the boat, you lean against the side, propping yourself up on the big tube, and balancing by pressing your foot

against that of the person opposite.

I loved it, even the cold, the wet and the initial fear. After the first drop, the fear became exhilaration and excitement, tinged with an awareness that it was a little dangerous, and one's seat in the boat was precarious in the extreme. The men on the banks with ropes and in the kayaks were not there for show, and they became very attentive before each rapid - if one of us had fallen out, they had to do something about it pretty quickly.

Stanley Kowalski's Wilderness Tours take thousands of people down the river every year with no casualties. People are tossed out, but are retrieved without injury. It is a successful enterprise in an increasingly unattractive world, people come to taste the strong flavour of surroundings that still elude civilization.

This is not to say that the natives are not friendly. They live in and around the village of

Beachburg, and Ottawa is an hour or so's drive away. The bears are not hungry for blood, but for the comfortable pickings they can find in the store cupboard, and the chipmunks pick quickly at the bread you throw, not very far away. The river isn't out for anything either, but it needs a little respect. The water rushes over rocks that have been smoothed with age, but they are none the less hard for all that, and it is not difficult to be thrown out of a rubber boat that is being flung around in whirling water that shoots down mini waterfalls, 5 or 6 ft high.

When you reach the end of the trip, yellow school buses wait for you, and the hot tea, coffee, cider or hot chocolate is welcome on the bank before carrying the boat to the trailer and deflating them. The deflation is not catching; the excitement lasts. My body felt freshly tired, and I slept very soundly that night.

Sylvia Howe

be rented for \$10 by advance reservation. Waterproof bags are provided for cameras.

Flights: OP Air, Gatwick to Toronto, return £226 until Oct 31, £277 from Nov. Add on £8 Canadian departure tax, and £10 each way for travel on Fri, Sat or Sun.

Hotels: Uniformly North American. Not a hairdryer to be had and iron at a premium, so take your own. Royal York, Toronto (very grand), double from \$95 plus 7 per cent tax on meals and 5 per cent on rooms. Red Oak Inn, Thunder Bay, (less grand), double from \$50. Arrowhead Pines, Algonquin National Park (the nicest), double from \$66 per person per day, including three meals, based in a log cabin.

Foods: Typically North American. Huge portions. Lots of tender but tasteless beef; uninteresting seafood. Good salads.



Paddle or pray: Water rafters are thrown out but retrieved without injury

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TRAVEL/2

Edited by Shona Crawford Poole

Sightseeing London between the jams

The coach tourist's London has no Covent Garden, no Leicester Square, no Soho and no Chelsea. Their London is a collage of snatched views of towers, banks, pubs, churches and traffic accompanied by a commentary of facts and figures often too new and complex to retain.

I decided to sample what London offers for travellers looking for an easy way to acquaint themselves with the capital quickly. I went on five standards coach tours and one

special - the Evan Evans City tour.

The tour routes were all chosen for accessibility rather than interest. The route planners were unanimous that a tourist needed to see Hyde Park Corner, Trafalgar Square, Downing Street and St Paul's; all the coaches stopped at scenic spots, such as on London Bridge, just long enough for holiday snaps to be taken.

The commentaries, too, all by London Tourist Board trained guides, were similar. They consisted of a blend of London-

life snippets (If you want to pay £500-600 for a suit, Saville Street is where you want to go); a smattering of historical facts (John Harvard was baptised in Southwark Cathedral); and a good deal of superfluous information (Dillon's is almost as well-known as Foyles but not quite).

Presented with this miscellaneous jumble of strange information, most of the tourists maintained a look of stony indifference.

My fellow travellers did

appear to care about whether the seats were comfortable, the windows clean - a French tourist spent five minutes trying to remove the grease from his window - and the air-conditioning working. After a particularly hot tour an American girl left me with a gently ironic farewell: "It was nice being hot with you."

We can only hope the coach tourist retains some enthusiasm for London after two or more hours of concentrated visual and mental stimulation. I'm not sure I did.

FRAMES, A LOOK AT LONDON - PANORAMIC TOUR

Two tours daily, £4.50, Under 12: £3.00. Tour takes approximately two hours.

The Frames' coach was last year's model: broken clock, thick red tartan seats and fans that could not cope with the freak London heat. The driver was unsure of the route and needed regular prompting from the guide ("turn left here... now"). Confidence waned when she grazed a car on her next door. The commentary was slipshod and occasionally downright misleading. Landseer's "Monarch of the Glen" was not a reindeer and the National Liberal Club is not the Ministry of Defence. The tour, advertised as two hours, took three and a half.

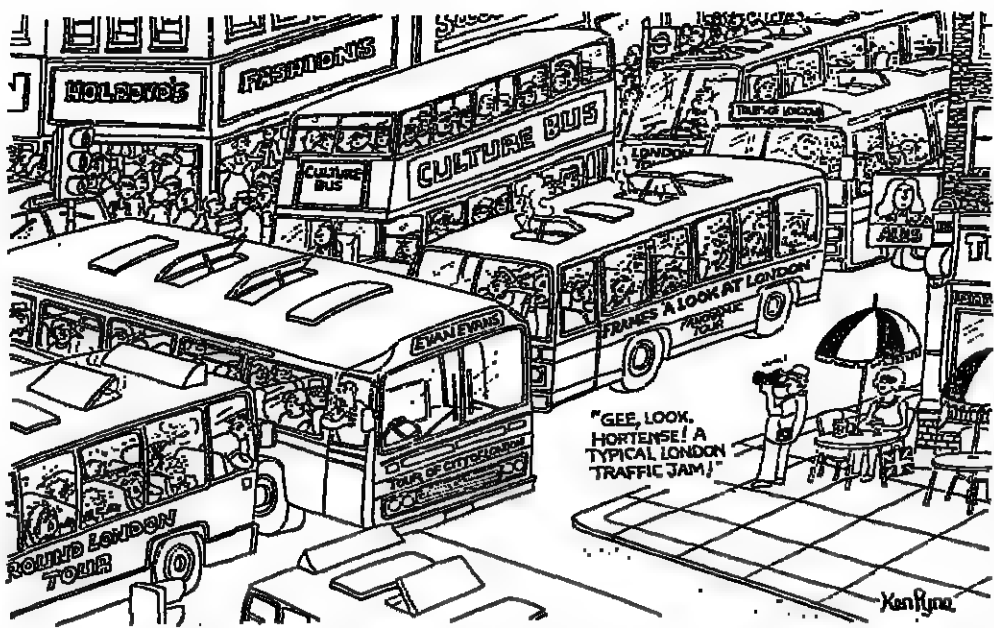
EVAN EVANS, AFTERNOON TOUR OF CITY OF LONDON

One tour daily, £9.00, Child 3-14: £7.50. Price includes entry into the Tower of London and the Crown Jewels. Tour takes approximately three and a half hours.

The coach was 20 minutes late, but the last word in luxury and the only one to have either air-conditioning or tinted windows. The tour included the standard crawl down Fleet Street to St Bride's ("Doesn't it look like a wedding cake?") and the Law Courts ("Gothic over 100 years old") as well as guided visits to St Paul's ("Lady Diana wanted to get married here") and the Tower of London ("The most important building in the country"). Our guide was a Spaniard with a thick accent and a nice line in irreverent humour: "Like all good heroes Nelson died young; before his pater was good, accurate, thorough and entertaining."

CULTURE BUS

Tours approximately every 30 minutes, £2.50, Child 6-16: £1.50. Family of four (two adults, two children): £7.00. Tour takes approximately two hours. The sunflower-yellow Culture Bus is a newcomer to the London touring scene. Four double-deckers circle London on a two-hour, 18-mile loop stopping at 20 points of interest from Harrods and the British Museum to HMS Belfast and Lambeth Palace. Passengers can alight at any stop for as long as they like and reboard any of the other buses at no extra cost. Our bus was clean and cheerful though almost empty. A friendly driver doubled as guide, offering a sparse commentary on the major sights and more detailed information on



what could be seen at each stop ("Oxford Street, where Marks and Spencer earns more money per square metre than any other store in the world"). Tickets are valid all day and for the whole of the next if you board after 3pm.

CITYRAMA, LONDON SIGHTSEEING TOUR

Tours approximately every hour, £3.00, Child 3-14: £1.50. Tour takes approximately one and a half hours.

Our guide for the Cityrama tour was a pre-recorded tape in a choice of eight languages. "Great way to learn a new language" the driver told me as he handed me a pair of headphones, but the French lady behind the wheel wanted to learn a new language nor hear about London and steadfastly refused her pair. The commentary was wide-ranging though marred by lapses into the banal ("On the right is Beauchamp Place with a character of its own"). The English language tape had alternating male and female voices, their remarks preceded by an irritating BEEP. The timing of the commentary was problematic, often referring to sights the everyday mid-afternoon traffic had prevented us reaching or the unexpected lack of vehicles meant we had already passed. "The postal address for Apsley House is No 1, London" hardly seemed appropriate by the time we had arrived at Wilton Place. The royal blue double-decker had a security air, with new maps taped to the walls and old ones strewn on the floor.

LONDON TRANSPORT, MORNING TOUR LONDON VIEWS AND LUNCH CRUISE. Two tours weekly, Wed: £10.00 (including lunch), Sun: £13.50.

Under 14: £10.00 (including lunch). Tour takes approximately four and a half hours.

London Transport has devised an imaginative route that comes as a welcome change from the low-gear grind through the West End. In the space of two hours, it took in the City and Southwark as well as High Street Kensington, Bayswater Road and Sloane Square. The chief complaints were the heat and the difficulty in hearing a respectable if low-key commentary from the back. The coach was clean and, for once, many of the passengers were British. We boarded the boat for Greenwich at Westminster Pier after an oppressive 20-minute wait in the sun. The meal resembled a superior packed lunch; a leg of chicken and a pot of coleslaw followed by coffee, eaten to a background of Sinatra ballads.

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Nina Grunfeld

Flights of fancy

New types of aircraft with improved performance in difficult terrain are making remote parts of Switzerland steadily more accessible to the traveller from Britain.

As a prime holiday area Switzerland has long been served by fast and frequent air travel to the centres at Geneva and Zurich; but others more hemmed in by mountains or with small airports have not been easy to reach. Now two of these are being opened up with new aircraft: Berne for Interlaken and the Bernese Oberland; Lugano for the Ticino valley and other parts of Switzerland's south.

The Berne service is operated by Dan Air who have in fact been serving it in a limited way with propjets but who this spring brought in the new British Aerospace 146 "silent jet", with a daily service to Berne taking only an hour and a half (it was two and a half before) and coach connections from all flights to Interlaken, Thun, and Spiez.

The Lugano service is operated by the small but rapidly growing Swiss independent airline Crossair, not for the moment directly from Britain, but with frequent daily connections to Lugano from both Geneva and Zurich, which make London-Lugano easily attainable in four hours.

Michael Bailey

Campfire comfort on bull-moose trail

My idea of roughing it is slow river service in a five-star hotel. Thus, if anyone had told me that the best vacation I would ever spend would be on the back of an enormous, ornate horse thousands of feet up in the Bear Tooth mountains of Yellowstone National Park without a phone or shower in sight, sleeping in a tent and pulling on dew-damp clothes every morning, I would have said they were in need of immediate psychiatric care.

That was before I met Ralph Miller, his cook Candace Tillotson and his resident naturalist Parker Heinlen. Together they run Ralph's Wilderness Pack Trips, as civilised a way of seeing the wild open spaces as you will ever encounter.

It is a seven or ten-day trip on horseback through the Yellowstone back country, the north-eastern part that the tourists who flock to see Old Faithful and feed the bears never encounter.

Ralph Miller, an easterner from Cape Cod, met us at the Billings Montana Airport, drove us to Cooke City and after an overnight stay we packed our gear - one change of clothing, only two pairs of boots, raincoats and jackets and a pair of longjohns - and we were off. Why longjohns? "It

can be 80°F at one in the afternoon", the strong silent Ralph said, "and snowing by nightfall."

We decided to move camp every other day rather than base ourselves in two campsites and make day trips. We were not sorry because there was so much to absorb that to have missed any of it would have been a crime.

The first night out I sat huddled in the sage-brush watching a grazing elk herd drinking out of Pelicans Creek, while far beyond, across the valley to the snow-tipped mountains, the sun was setting in a scene straight out of Cecil B. De Mille.

At dinner I was prepared for baked beans and bully beef. What I actually got was a superb beef Stroganoff washed down with a splendid California Cabernet, fresh zucchini and mushrooms in sherry followed by fresh strawberries and whipped cream, and a very decent cognac to go with the deep roasted coffee boiled on the campfire in a tin pot.

Candace's cooking maintained its standard throughout, although only God knows how she managed to cook up on a wood campfire stove stir-fry beef, spaghetti with clam sauce, brownies, cheese blintzes, and breakfast extravaganzas including fresh sourdough pancakes and fruit crisps. When we

caught brook trout Candy cooked them in cornmeal.

When not fishing we were sneaking up on a terrifying bull moose, the king of Yellowstone, or watching from a safe distance the coyote packs demolish their latest prey, or spying on bald eagles' nests through binoculars.

We rode a lot at a leisurely pace, the horses became friends and we learnt the law of the forest - dirt, if sweet, left unbrushed under the saddle can cause sores.

At the end of the seven days, with expensive looking sunstans, we felt rested, relaxed and triumphant.

It was hard to leave our steeds, Ralph and his companions and particularly Yellowstone. The only question left was when could we do it again?

Sally Ogle Davis

Ralph Miller can be contacted at Box 1083, Cooke City, Montana, USA. Current prices: \$1,080 (about £715) for a week; \$1,500 (about £990) for 10 days.

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COLLECTING

Grand designs for a miniature world

Faced with the not unusual problem of finding a suitable dolls' house for his small daughter, Alexandra, Dr Andrew Papadakis, Editor of *Architectural Design* magazine, tried the toyshops and did not like what he saw. He lit on the novel plan of inviting the architects of the world to compete in designing one for her. For Stage 1 in 1981 contestants submitted drawings and intentions. The interest was amazing. A total of 260 entries was submitted. Of these 50 were selected to prepare an actual model and 20 other renowned architects were also invited to join the competition.

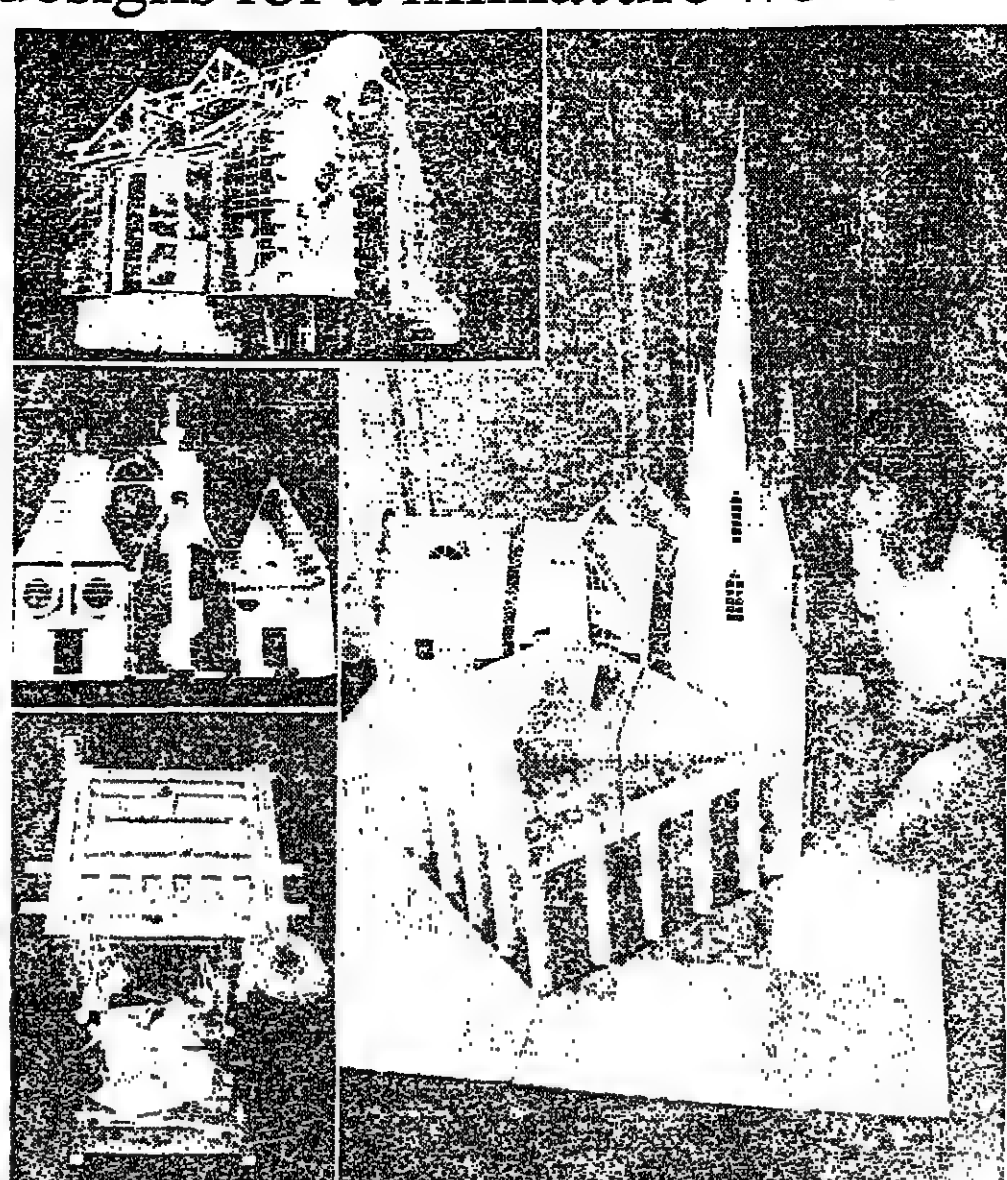
The finished entry, fascinating though it is, does not always convince that all the designers had children in mind. Some patterns are very sophisticated and transform the whole idea of the traditional dolls' house. They are in a tradition dating from the seventeenth century, when wealthy patrician ladies in Europe assembled their precious collections of miniatures in rooms with tiny, fashionable way-doll residents.

By the eighteenth century the housing of such collections had progressed to little buildings based on fine mansions of the period; two of the most famous may be seen at the homes where they were originally sited: the doll house at Nostell Priory, near Wakefield, with furniture attributed to Chippendale design and the Baby House at Uppark, Sussex, made in about 1730.

During the Victorian period, dolls' houses assumed an even more domestic aspect. Realistic copies of actual dwellings, often done by estate carpenters, were lovingly furnished by ladies of the house with miniature watercolours, embroidered hangings, seat-point rugs and prettily dressed doll characters.

This century saw the creation of two marvellous dolls' houses. When his small daughter thought she saw a fairy (in Ireland of course) Sir Neville Wilkinson planned the amazing "Titania's Palace" at his home Ballynastagh. A veritable treasure house for his invisible fairy occupants, its public exhibition raised more than £80,000 for charity.

In 1922, the famous architect Sir Edwin Lutyens designed a fine house which was equipped by all manner of English craftsmen as a gift to Queen Mary, complete in detail down to wine bottles in the cellar, books in the library and model



Small is beautiful: Dolls' houses by Thomas Nugent (right); (left, top to bottom) Mari Ambros, Adrian Grigoriu and Luminata Creanga; and Jane Blyth

Rolls-Royce in the garage. It is on display at Windsor.

Of the 70 architects asked to submit a model in the magazine competition, 62 did so and the results are exhibited at Sotheby's St George Street gallery from Monday.

There is no lack of originality: there is a mouse house, a house of cards, a space station, and many fine construction sets to build houses in styles ranging from Frank Lloyd Wright to rural.

The first prize was won by Michael Gold and Paul Wellard for their golden crenellated castle; the second by Taketomi Aida with his peaceful paper-clad Japanese-style rooms; and

the third by the roomy, colourful, play house with pull-out garden sections of M. J. Long and Colin St John Wilson. Predictably, children choose none of those judged first by the adult panel. They loved the traditional "House by the Sea" of Charlotte Baden Powell, complete with tiny boats and cars. My own favourite (not even commended) is the kindergarten style house by Maarten Min from the Netherlands.

All the houses go up for sale at a special evening auction, at 8pm on September 6, and part of the proceeds will be donated to the Save the Children Fund. A fine catalogue, fully illustrated and carrying the archi-

tecs' opinions, is on sale at £9.95. And what did little Alexandra make of all this? She liked the first prize-winner: an enchanted castle in which she could climb up to the roof with secret doll rooms on route and look through the "star holes". But it is too tall to fit into her father's flat: 7ft high with a flag!

Mary Hillier

The exhibition can be seen at Sotheby's 1-9 St George Street, London, W1 (formerly the Steinway gallery) from Mon to Sat 6, Mon-Fri 10am-4.30pm, Sat 10am-4pm. Preliminary drawings will be shown over the same period at Haslam and Whalley, 105 Kensington Church Street, London W8.

EATING OUT

Savouring the flavour of the Thames

In keeping with this week's nautical themes, we report on two London venues with riverside aspects, a surprisingly elusive facility in our capital city.

GRANBY'S RESTAURANT

The Royal Horseguards Hotel, Whitehall Court, London SW1 (839 3400). Open daily 12.30pm-2.30pm and 6pm-10.30pm.

In the interests of honest journalism it should be stressed from the start that you can't actually see the river from the Granby Restaurant's terrace since it is hemmed in by a tall, voluminous hedge. Beyond that, the Embankment Gardens and the Embankment itself put further distance between you and water. Nevertheless, it's an attractive spot for an al fresco lunch or leisurely snack (the terrace is shared by the hotel's Garden Lounge).

The Granby's main dining room is a leather-bound, book-lined facsimile study and though it is efficiently air-conditioned, they seem happy for diners to spill out on to the four or five terrace tables with their Marini umbrellas, and the waiters give no hint of complaint as they chatter through the narrow French window to serve you. Don't expect to have the sweet trolley dragged out, however...

As an international hotel restaurant, Granby's has the usual culinary Esperanto - beef Stroganoff (£6.90), chicken Kiev (£5.75) - but branches out enterprisingly with a short cuisine *à la carte* section. This includes an attractive sounding sole fillets in cider (£9.25) and the seasonally apt salad Lisa (£3.50). This entails a pâté of avocado and cottage cheese, decorated with prawns, crab-meat and grapefruit on a nest of chicory leaves. While the appearance is rather monotone, it is an agreeably lightweight lunch dish, and can be safely

preceded with a good, chilled cucumber soup (£1.20).

Elsewhere the card offers a good value table d'hôte meal for £9.25. From this I enjoyed a creamy avocado and yoghurt mousse, and a firmly textured fillet of salmon trout with Hollandaise sauce. Other choices include smoked salmon pate and an escalope of chicken.

For those without the time or the cash for such a formal meal, a larger area of the terrace is set aside for the service of club sandwiches (£2.35), salads (crunchy chicken £3.55) and afternoon teas (£3.25) or just ice-creams and cakes. With the foliage muting the rumble of the Charing Cross trains and the rush of the Embankment traffic, it is almost possible to hear the lapping of the Thames...

THE ANCHOR 1 Bankside, London SE1 (407 1577). Open noon-2pm and 7-10pm Mon-Fri, 7-10pm Sat (restaurant); noon-2.30pm and 5.30pm (7pm Sat)-10.30pm Mon-Sat, noon-2pm and

7-10pm Sun (bar snacks).

In the shadow of Southwark Bridge and, unfortunately, a large new building site, stands The Anchor, an eighteenth-century pub with seventeenth-century antecedents and Shakespearean connections - the original Globe theatre was nearby. Set a few yards back from the river, the pub's frontage is currently marred by the construction work ("this blasted hell"), and the splendid views across the Thames to St Paul's must be enjoyed from the confines of a small yard with picnic tables and incongruous beach umbrellas.

Nevertheless, the pub's interior is undeniably atmospheric - a maze of low-beamed rooms filled with "historical London" paraphernalia of varying degrees of credibility. Predictably, the Anchor is a popular stop-off on the tourist circuit, so be prepared to find it full of leisure-seekers rather than pearl-coated Cockneys.

Equally predictable is the Anchor's allegiance to one of those catering chains who specialise in taking over historic English buildings and then serving the dulllest of international dishes - a sort of "National Distrust". The pub's restaurants were closed on the Saturday lunchtime I visited, but I doubt if the likes of prawn cocktail, pâté, whitebait, steak, scampi or veal cordon bleu would have tempted me upstairs anyway.

Instead, I adjourned to "Mrs Thrale's Room", where salads, cold buffet dishes and a couple of hot snacks are generally available. Salads include beef (£1.60), ham or turkey (£1.20) or quiche (£1.75) with generously-filled, granary bread baps at 80p. The hot meals were the traditional bangers and mash (well, Smash, actually) and the equally traditional sweet and sour pork with rice (£1.60). The beer (Courage) is quite good.

Stan Hey



Scampi and St Paul's: The Anchor, historic riverside watering hole

FESTIVALS

Opera first for Rattle

For his third and final year as artistic director of the South Bank Summer Music Festival, which runs from August 14 to 28, Simon Rattle is concentrating on Janacek and Sibelius who he has admired since childhood.

Among the Janacek items is the first public performance in Britain of his opera, *Odal*, which Rattle describes as "an astonishingly beautiful work." It is being given in a concert version and will be sung in its original Czech. The singers

include Eileen Hamman, Felicity Palmer and Dennis Bailey.

Rattle is also presenting a project on which he has been working with his orchestra, the City of Birmingham Symphony, for three years: the complete cycle of Sibelius symphonies. Numbers 5, 6 and 7 will make up the final concert in the Royal Festival Hall on August 28.

Other artists appearing at the festival are Jessye Norman, the soprano, who is giving a recital of songs by Richard Strauss; Alfred Brendel, with Mozart's Piano Concerto in B flat; and the Philip Jones Brass Ensemble, whose concert comprises works by Praetorius, Paul Patterson, Handel and Saint-Saëns.

Running concurrently is a Folk Festival, which brings together leading singers and instrumentalists.

South Bank Summer Music. Box office: Royal Festival Hall, London SE1 (929 3191).

MUSIC AT OXFORD. Postal bookings: Bush House, Merewood Avenue, Headington, Oxford, until Aug 28.

There is still time to catch the nine remaining concerts of the current series, given in the beautiful setting of Christ Church Cathedral. They include organ recitals by Gillian Weir and Martin Neary.

VALE OF GLAMORGAN FESTIVAL. St Donat's Arts Centre, St Donat's Castle, Llantwit Major, South Glamorgan (04465 215/2162). Aug 14-Sept 1.

A fortnight of recitals, chamber, orchestral and theatrical works, new commissions and local artists. Highlights include Sian Phillips as the speaker in Enk Sattie's *Sports et Diversissements*, with the Llanelli Ensemble, and a piano recital by the 1982 Tchaikovsky prize winner, Peter Donohoe.

LEEDS FOLK FESTIVAL. Tourist Information Centre, Central Library, Leeds (0532 462453). Sept 9-11. The singer and songwriter John Martyn tops the bill on Saturday afternoon and among other artists taking part in 10 concerts in the grounds of Temple Newsam House are Paul Brady, Country Joe Macdonald, Neil Innes and Georgie Fame and the Blue Flames.

Peter Waymark

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7 Aug	Adriatic Riviera	Piccadilly	Gal.	£249
8 Aug	Corfu	Sunshine	Gal.	£269
8 Aug	Corfu	Vascon Palace	Gal.	£329
8 Aug	Corfu	Emmets Beach	Gal.	£356
9 Aug	Crete	Sunshine	Gal.	£289
9 Aug	Crete	Eleonora Marini	Gal.	£340
10 Aug	Majorca	Sunshine	Gal.	£279
10 Aug	Majorca	Cala Mayor Playa	Gal.	£279
12 Aug	Costa del Sol	Sunshine	Gal. Lit.	£161

REVIEW Rock & jazz records of the month

Pub rock's revenge, soul's salvation, a fresh memory of Knebworth's rolling meadow

Second harvest from the Seventies

Now that David Bowie's world tour has taken him out of our sight, the British pop summer resumes a more languid course. July and August have not been without their surprises, however. Who would have thought to see the revenge of pub rock? The two most talked about albums of the moment both trace their singers' origins to that mid-Seventies era when English R&B was given a second wind, the Sex Pistols were just a glint in Malcolm McLaren's eye and the synthesizer was still a novelty.

Elvis Costello and the Attractions' *Punch the Clock* shows that supposedly prosaic period to have been a fertile breeding ground. A prolific writer (this is his eighth album), Costello is a man who constantly sets himself new standards of excellence. Ostensibly a deliberately commercial venture (it includes three known songs) *Punch the Clock* is really as stimulating as his best work. Each number tells its own story, from the imaginative "Shipbuilding" (quite different from Robert Wyatt's version) to the barbed, inventive "Charm School". The Costello pen is as acerbic and witty as usual.

Musically, the Attractions are always a match for the singer, concocting a subtle mixture of moods that evoke the odd ghost. British psychedelia, "Booker T" the Band, they refuse to be tied down to a formula. An important innovation in Costello's sound is the use of the TKO horns and the female backing of Afrodisiac.

Elvis Costello: *Punch the Clock* (F-Best XCLP 19)
Paul Young: *No Parlez* (CBS 25621)
Aretha Franklin: *Get It Right* (Arista 205544)
Gwen Guthrie: *Portrait* (Island ILPS 9758)
Stevie Ray Vaughan: *Texas Flood* (Epic EPC 25534)

who have the effect of softening the bitter pills and emphasising the group's pop and soul roots.

Like Costello, Paul Young is a product of the pub rock circuit. His original band, the Q-Tips, spent a long time trying to establish themselves as soul interpreters. They never quite succeeded, but the constant road work did Young no harm; it hardened his resolve and helped develop his vocal touch. Unfortunately, *No Parlez* is a disappointment. After a string of fine singles ("Wherever I Lay My Hat" and "Love of the Common People" are both here), Young has failed to do complete justice to his talent. His relaxed approach never gets to grips with the dynamics and pacing required to make an album more than merely a collection of nice songs.

Laurie Latham's smooth production hasn't helped Young either, and the arrangements snooze when they should scintillate. Paul Young may soon make a better attempt at showcasing his appeal, but for now *No Parlez* looks set to become the coffee-table album of the year.

Those who wish to find that the soul idiom is alive and well

and enjoying an Eighties' blood transfusion are advised to turn to the American market for proof. July has been a particularly interesting month for female artists. If Diana Ross and Gladys Knight have a monopoly on sophisticated interpretation, then the earlier talents of Aretha Franklin and Gwen Guthrie give the form its spice. Aretha's second collaboration with the disco producer Luther Vandross is called *Get It Right*; she most certainly does.

Aretha Franklin manages to inject her colourful gospel-training singing into an utterly modern medium, being as successful with sensual Vandross songs such as "Every Girl (Wants My Guy)" and "When

the clubs and *Portrait* is packed full of potential singles.

Finally, Stevie Ray Vaughan and Double Trouble's *Texas Flood* reminds us of where we came in. Stevie Ray Vaughan was the guitarist who threatened to upstage David Bowie on his tour and was therefore sacked before he got the chance. He can be found playing lead on Bowie's *Let's Dance* album. His own first record as a frontman is a delight from beginning to end.

As the younger brother of the Fabulous Thunderbirds' guitarist Jimmy Vaughan, we have long been hearing reports of Stevie Ray's status as the top white blues player. *Texas Flood* provides the proof there is

almost a sufficiency of breathtaking guitar playing. Vaughan has adapted the local style of T-Bone Walker and married that to the electric panache of a Hendrix. He is completely on top of the instrument, with a range of phrasing and interpretation that is unique. The test of his skills come not so much on his own songs, all excellent, but on versions of Howlin' Wolf's "Tell Me" and Buddy Guy's "Mary Had a Little Lamb". The writers of both songs would be proud of him.

Max Bell



The undisputed queen of soul, and an unfamiliar star on the rise

You Love Me Like That" as she is with some finely judged, emotional cover versions. The show-stopper here is probably a definitive reading of the Temptations' classic "I Wish It Would Rain".

Minor quibbles: I'm slightly surprised that Franklin hasn't included any of her own material, and the overall quality of side two is rather let down by Michael Lovessmith's feeble "Better Friends Than Lovers". But *Get It Right* does nothing else to disturb Aretha Franklin's right to the title of the queen of

Graceful and genial, yet true to the roots



An undying influence: Thelonious Monk



On at the Opera House: Herbie Hancock

Just about the freshest sound of last summer was provided in the Roman amphitheatre of Nice and on the rolling meadow of Knebworth by the Gerry Mulligan orchestra, a big band of seemingly conventional resources but wholly uncommon grace and geniality.

Few musicians have stayed as true to their essential nature over the span of a lengthy career as has Mulligan, whose present music can be traced directly to his earliest recordings of more than 30 years ago. *Little Big Horn* may develop one or two recent preoccupations, but it represents the very best kind of musical conservatism.

Four of its half-dozen tracks find the Mulligan baritone saxophone alone with a rhythm section including, at various times, the pianists Dave Grusin and Richard Tee, the bassists Jay Leonhart and Anthony Jackson and the drummers Buddy Williams and Butch Miles. Electronics are used, but the ear is never drawn to the presence of a base-guitar, an electric piano or at one stage, a synthesizer. "Sum on Stairs", for example, is a rousing stretch of pure up-tempo, acoustic jazz; the electric piano used by Grusin in "Bright Angel Falls"

seems the perfect texture with which to complement a lovely Mulligan pastoral. On "I Never Was a Young Man", the leader sings with a wryness reminiscent of Mose Allison.

It is, however, for the remaining pair of compositions that those who heard the big band will cherish this album, since both "Little Big Horn" and "A Kind of Sunday" were highlights of the orchestra's concert repertoire. "Sunday", in particular, has the sound of a classic: there is a delightful contrast between the lilting verse and the urgent, funky, brass-boosted choruses, the transitions leading Mulligan into particularly adroit phrase-

making. *Little Big Horn* will do nicely until someone makes the complete Knebworth performance available on record.

Carla Bley is another jazz arranger of firmly rooted character and convictions. The latest release by her medium-sized band is the soundtrack to a French thriller, offering her an extended opportunity to tease and toy with a single motif. In this case she has picked "La Paloma", a traditional Spanish tune, once arranged by Gil Evans for the Claude Thornhill Orchestra.

Her variations are many. "Los Palominos" is dissonantly voiced, evoking a kind of subdued frenzy; "Sad Paloma" is a tear-stained tango; "Teenage Paloma" has a drunken organ, "Grown-up Paloma" a chirpy calliope effect; and the 10-minute straight reading of the tune is the most satisfying of the lot, containing a rancorously tender trombone solo by the talented Tony Dagrad.

A similarly personal approach to musical organization can be found in Arthur Blythe's quintet, which switches its attention on *Light Blue* away from the leader's compositions to those of the late Thelonious

Monk. This band's trademark is the combination of Abdul Wadud's cello and Bob Stewart's tuba with Kelynn Bell's eccentrically pointillist guitar style; in the absence of a string bass, these three instruments combine to create a rhythmic momentum and a flow of harmonic information without attempting to reproduce a walking bass line (the statement of the beat is left to Bobby Bartle's drums). Combined with Blythe's passionate delivery and ripe tone, the result is unmistakable, and here it proves to be an appropriate vehicle for six Monk tunes: three obvious choices ("Epitaph", "Nutsy" and "Off Minor") and three more subtle ("We See", "Light Blue" and the lovely "Coming on the Hudson").

CBS have been generous in their recording and promotional policies towards Blythe; they probably wish he sold as many records as does Wynton Marsalis, whose deserved popularity is making him rather dangerously ubiquitous. *Keynote 3* features him with that marvellous 1982 edition of the Jazz Messengers which also included his brother Branford, Bill Pierce, Donald Brown and

Charles Fambrough. Recorded live, it is an apt memento for those with happy memories of torrid nights at Ronnie Scott's. A swaggering version of Monk's "In Walked Bud" is among the highlights.

Think of one also continues, the Monk theme, in Marsalis's unusual arrangement of the tune. His second album as a fully fledged leader, it maintains the concentration of his young quintet on an extension of Miles Davis's mid-Seventies philosophy and is as beautifully assured as one might expect, although it seems to me that on this occasion the sheer fluency sometimes diffuses the tension. Any reservations are banished by an astonishingly poised trumpet reading of Ellington's "Melancholia", the high-point of Marsalis's recorded output to date.

He is also featured on *Jazz at the Opera House*, a concert recording from 1982 which opens with diversions involving the pianists Denny Zeitlin, Herbie Hancock and Toshiko Akiyoshi but then settles down to an examination of a previous unheeded edition of the VSO quintet including Marsalis, Hancock, Wayne Shorter, Tony Williams and - the real surprise

here - Charlie Haden, who takes Ron Carter's place as the group's bassist.

Therein, sadly, lies the flaw. By every measurable artistic and historical criterion, Haden is Carter's peer. He is not, however, a suitable bassist for VSO: while his dark-toned 4/4 is perfect for Ornette Coleman, the replacement of Carter's springy beat and flexible phrasing by such soberness seems to confine Williams's usually limitless vitality. Such a judgment is, of course, according to standards unattainable to all but a handful of musicians, but it does render the recording less than perfect, despite the interesting addition of the vibraphonist Bobby Hutcherson for a 14-minute exploration of Shorter's well-known "Footprints".

Likewise, *The Young Lions* must be accounted a disappointment. Taped at Carnegie Hall during last year's Kool Jazz Festival, the concert was devised by Neuhart Ertegun, Bruce Lundvall and Michael Gibbs to feature 17 of the brightest young jazz musicians, few of whom did themselves justice. The novelty duet by Marsalis and the vocalist Bobby McFerrin was an obvious hit with the audience, but more ambitious

ventures such as the orchestral compositions of Chico Freeman and Craig Harris clearly suffered from lack of conceptual focus and tentative performances, only a piece of microchip-age bebop by a quintet (inevitably including Marsalis) under the leadership of the startlingly good young guitarist Kevin Eubanks sounds fully realised.

One of the "young lions" scarcely heard on the Elektra LP is John Purcell, a brilliant young exponent of all the flutes, clarinets and saxophones, whose work with Jack DeJohnette's group, Special Edition, has yet to attract the attention it merits. *Inflation Blues* finds Purcell and Chico Hamilton joined in the front line by the trumpet of Baikida Carroll, and a repertoire which has expanded to include free improvisation ("Starburst"), an infectious lissome samba ("Ebony") and a convincing reggae beat on the title track, which includes a likable vocal from the leader. Purcell is outstanding throughout: the creamy assurance of his alto saxophone continues to suggest a young Johnny Hodges, and his ensemble work is exemplary.

Richard Williams

PREVIEW Theatre

Oedipal Indian myth with song and dance

Among the British premieres packing next week's London International Festival of Theatre (LIFT '83) there is one welcome return: the Naya Theatre Company from India, one of the great successes of last year's Edinburgh Fringe and immediately transferred to Riverside Studios. Their new piece, *Bahadur Kalarin*, opens on Tuesday at the Lyric Hammersmith for a fortnight's season, moving to the Bloomsbury Theatre for a further two weeks from August 23.

Unlike the exuberantly comic *Charan the Thief* seen last year, *Bahadur Kalarin* is based on a tragic and disturbing folk legend from Chhatisgarh, told to the Naya's director Habib Tanvir by elders in the village of Sorar. An ancient carving there showed a beautiful woman and a man: Bahadur the warrior and his son. The son killed his father and married 126 women before realizing his mother was the only woman he could love.

On this legend, with its obvious Oedipal overtones, Habib Tanvir worked with his company of singing and dancing actors. As improvisation proceeded, the spontaneous dislike and criticism of the Oedipus figure softened into



Tragic chorus: Fida Bai (left) and Mala Bai in Naya's Theatre's Bahadur Kalarin

ambivalence, more compassion and more interest. Overwhelmed with mother-love from birth, was he really so much to blame?

Tanvir trained briefly as an actor at RADA in the 1950s. The distinct speech style he was taught there would, he felt, seem hoarse to Indian ears and jeopardize his career in India. So he returned, spending a season at the Berliner Ensemble as route. The inspiration of Brecht - his use of songs, in Tanvir's words, "not as ornamentation but as comment and

to further the story" - was a major influence.

Interviewed in the periodical *Resurgence*, Tanvir declared: "The urban culture needs a shot in the arm. It has been, for quite some time, an imitator of culture." Its natural connexion with folk culture and folk epics, which has been severed or twisted, needs to be renewed. Bombay films have had their own pernicious effect, he feels, on mainstream folk theatre.

LIFT includes a full workshop and discussion programme and Tanvir will be giving a

lecture-demonstration on August 14, followed by a morning workshop on August 19 that will give participants a chance to work on improvisation with the company.

On August 17 at the Drill Hall, 16 Chancery St, London, WCL, he will have an open discussion with the Kenyan playwright and civil rights activist Ngugi wa Thiong'o, whose latest play is planned for production by LIFT soon after the current festival ends.

Anthony Masters

Critics' choice

AS YOU LIKE IT
Open Air, Regent's Park (485 2431)
Aug 8 and 9 at 7.45pm. In repertory. Not just a pretty production (Victorian maidens and Thomas Hardy rustics) but a sensitive, intelligent one, that, in its natural woodland setting, makes a magic summer evening. Louise Jameson's lovely Rosalind holds the high comedy and the pathos in delicate balance. John Curry (Orlando) proves a champion wrestler and David Williams is a superbly distinguished Jaques.

BEETHOVEN'S TENTH
Vaudeville (836 8886)
Until Aug 13, Mon-Sat at 8pm; matinees Wed at 2.45pm, Sat at 4.30pm
Ludwig's posthumous visitation to the home of a pompous London music critic gives Peter Ustinov a starting-point for a libretto, if confused, comedy, ranging over topics like the generation gap, Beethoven's mistress and his

experience since death. Very variable, but the best bits are gorgeously funny, and Ustinov himself, as the fat, outrageously mischievous composer, gives the sort of performance for which one would sit through a great deal.

CHARLEY'S AUNT
Alway (836 6404)
Until Sept 24, Mon-Fri at 7.30pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.30pm; matinee Wed at 2.30pm
Griff Rhys Jones makes one of the best "aunts" ever in a joyous production with an excellent supporting cast.

A MAP OF THE WORLD
Lytton (826 2252)
Aug 9-12 at 7.45pm. In repertory. David Hare debates art versus social action in the form of a duel between an expatriate Indian novelist and a radical English journalist, against the background of a Bombay conference on world poverty. A witty, eloquent and totally over-ingenious production, which has a fine central partnership between Rosaline Selt and Bill Nighy.

MR GINDERS
Fortune (836 2238)
Mon-Fri at 8pm, Sat at 5.30pm and 8.40pm; matinee Thurs at 3pm
Packed with enchanting songs and boasting a witty performance by Denis Lawson of acrobatic brilliance, Vivian Ellis's 1929 musical recasts *Cinderella* in the anyone-for-tennis age. Modest staging (originally at the King's Head); but the production's speed and sparkle make it an intoxicating evening.

NOISES OFF
Savoy (836 8888)
Mon-Fri at 7.45pm, Sat at 5pm and 8.30pm; matinee Wed at 3pm
The funniest farce for years, Michael Frayn's brilliantly contrived complex of on-stage disasters and backstage dramas is still keeping houses full and audiences helpless with laughter after its first cast-change. Phyllida Law, Benjamin Whitrow and the rest of Michael Baksmore's crack company give it the best of both worlds, the commercial hit and the connoisseur's classic.

THE RIVALS
Olivier (826 2252)
Aug 12 at 7.45pm. In repertory. Peter Wood's sparkling revival of Sheridan fulfils the promise of its cast list. Geraldine McEwan as a young but hilariously affected Mrs Mataprop, Sir Michael Hordern gaily and irascibly, Patrick Ryecast as a witty hero, and Tim Curry as the Devonshire squire bringing a fresh farmyard air to the world of minut.

WOZA ALBERTI
Criterion (830 3216)
Mon-Fri at 8.30pm, Sat at 6.30pm and 9.15pm
Black South Africa's cry from the heart. Virtuoso in multiple part-doubling and storytelling on a bare stage, Percy Mwa and Mbongeni Ngema enact the often funny, highly heartbreaking consequences of Christ's choice of Botha's Johannesburg for his second coming: adoption as white propaganda figure, arrest as a Communist agitator, and resurrection on the third day with Albert Luthuli and Steve Biko.

Out of Town

FOURNMOUTH: Pavilion (0202 25851/258511). 10-de-Hi by David Croft and Jimmy Perrin. Mon-Sat at 8.10pm and 8.40pm

A long and busy summer season for Simon Cadell, Paul Shane, Ruth Madoc, Jeffrey Holland and guest star Ben Warriss. In the first stage production of the BBC holiday camp comedy.

BRIGHTON: Theatre Royal (0273 28488). Polly by John Gay. Last performances today at 5pm and 8.15pm

Cambridge Theatre Company's updated version of Gay's sequel to *The Beggar's Opera*, in which Polly Peachum searches the Caribbean for Macheath. The modernization includes reggae music. Emlin Williams as Charles Dickens, Mon-Wed at 7.45pm; as Dylan Thomas, Thurs at 7.45pm, Fri and Sat at 8.15pm.

Ende Aug 13
Virtuoso one-man show offering contrasting literary portraits.

CHICHESTER: Festival Theatre (0243 761512). The Sleeping Prince by Terence Rattigan. Today, Mon, Wed and Fri at 7.30pm. In repertory. Omar Sharif leads in revival of Rattigan's 1963 romantic fantasy. Peter Coe directs.

As You Like It. Today at 2.30pm; Tues at 7.30pm; Thurs at 2.30pm and 7.30pm. In repertory. Patrick Garland directs this production set in eighteenth-century France. Patricia Hodge as Rosalind, Jonathan Morris as Orlando.

EXETER: Northcott (0332 548553). Perchance to Dream by Ivor Novello. Until Sept 10, Mon-Sat at 8pm; matinee Aug 20, 24, 31, Sept 7, 10 at 2.30pm

A major revival of Novello's romantic play with music (including "We'll Gather Lilacs"). Lewis Flander, Rebecca Caine, Alison Fraser, Meriel Dickinson head the cast, doubling many characters. Directed by Stewart Trotter.

GUILDFORD: Yvonne Arnaud (0483 80161). The Cherry Orchard by Anton Chekhov. Until Aug 27, Mon-Fri at 7.45pm, Sat at 5pm and 8pm; matinee Thurs at 2.30pm

Until Aug 20, Mon-Thurs at 2.30pm and 7.30pm, Fri and Sat at 5pm and 8pm

Touring production (now in its fifth successful year) of the hit team's first joint effort, a biblical rock musical with wide appeal.

NOTTINGHAM: Playhouse (0402 419419). West Side Story by Leonard Bernstein, Stephen Sondheim and Arthur Laurents. Until Sept 3, Mon-Sat at 8pm; matinees Sat (except Aug 27) and Aug 24 at 2.30pm

Andrew McCulloch directs a revival of the musical translation to New York of the Romeo and Juliet story. Songs include "Tonight", "Maria" and "Somewhere".

STOKE ON TRENT: Victoria (0782 615962). Hobson's Choice by Harold Brighouse. Opens Wed at 7.30pm; Thurs and Fri 7.30pm. In repertory.

Opening production of the theatre's twenty-second season. Classic British comedy about a revolution in household of a Victorian shopowner.

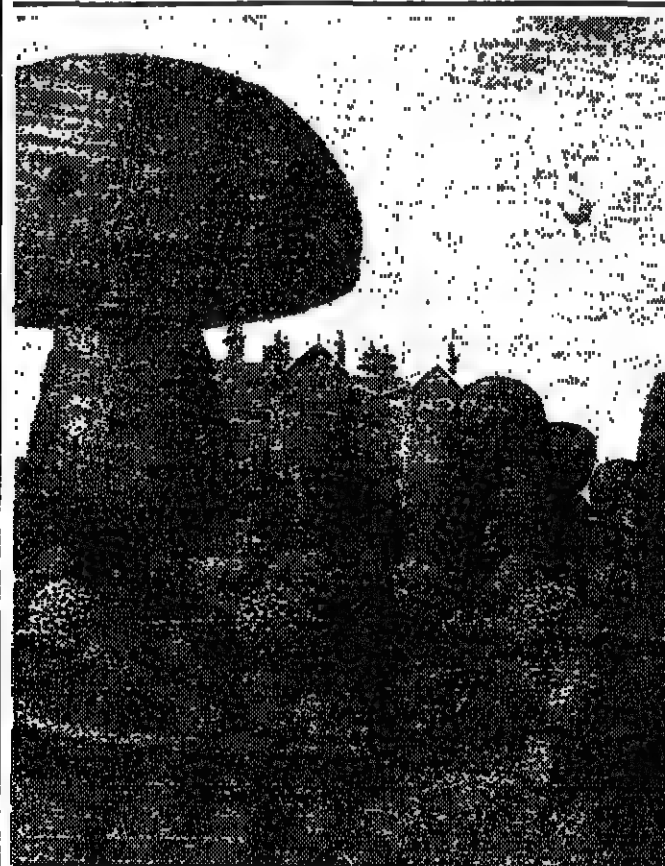
STRATFORD: Royal Shakespeare (0789 295 523). Twelfth Night. Fri at 7.30pm

Directed by John Caird, with Emrys James, Gemma Jones, John Thaw, Daniel Massey, Zoh Wamaker, Richard O'Callaghan.

The Comedy of Errors. Today at 1.30pm and 7.30pm; Mon at 7.30pm. Press night Tues at 7pm; Wed at 7.30pm; Thurs at 1.30pm and 7.30pm. Both plays in repertory.

New Stratford production, directed by Adrian Noble, with Paul Greenwood and Peter McNery as the Antipholus twins.

PREVIEW Galleries



Magic gardens: Michael Bishop's The Secret Game

Contract for nine artists

When Francis Kyle was planning his summer show - *Hide and Seek* - he insisted that each contributing artist see the film *The Draughtsmen's Contract*. This dictat included everyone except for Peter Greenaway who, of course, wrote and directed the film. "There is in this film", says Kyle, "something of the magic and mystery I hoped we could evoke in the show. A feeling that beneath the apparent order evident in gardens there is an unseen, alternative force bordering on the chaotic."

Each of the nine artists has responded to Kyle's challenge differently and each in his own way has attempted to convey the enigmatic quality that Kyle felt was redolent of the garden theme.

Una Woodruff, who has some considerable following with her alternative view of nature, has painted a portrait of Morgan La Fay, whose features are mysteriously composed of branches

from an old gnarled apple tree. Michael Bishop has chosen a literal interpretation of the exhibition's theme. His mixed-media paintings of writers' houses are full of wonderful trickery and illusion.

One of the stars of the show is Liz Butler, whose series of stamp designs featuring gardens such as Sissinghurst, Blenheim and Biddulph Grange is published later this month. Sadly the original designs for the stamps are not on view, but she does show some exquisite gems.

Peter Greenaway, who drew the original symbolic illustrations for *The Draughtsmen's Contract*, shows sketches built around the theme of mazes.

Michael Young

Hide and Seek, Nine Artists in a Quaternity can be seen throughout the summer from Aug 8 at the Francis Kyle Gallery, 9 Maddox Street, London W1 (499 8870). Mon-Fri 10 am-6 pm.

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PREVIEW Films

Fassbinder's strange last bow beneath an orange sun

Rainer Werner Fassbinder, the *Wunderkind* of Germany's revitalized cinema, was never the kind of artist to make a dignified, autumnal exit. He was found dead, aged 36, in a Munich apartment in June last year, dosed - by accident or design? - with cocaine and sleeping pills.

His final film, *Querelle*, unveiled at the Venice festival last August, has met, moreover, with fiercely divided reactions. Directors as varied as Marcel Carné and Jean-Luc Godard have said kind things (including "a masterpiece"), many critics have snorted with ridicule or lamented Fassbinder's tumble into camp, pretentious pantomime.

Given the style and subject, controversy over *Querelle* was unavoidable. The source material is Jean Genet's novel *Querelle de Brest*, written in 1947, which treats the author's

perennial world of homosexual love, murder and theft with his usual unfettered detail and lyrical passion. Fassbinder declared an interest in filming the book as early as 1968, when his own career was just taking off. By the time the project became a reality, he had clear ideas about the style of treatment.

Fassbinder wanted his *Querelle* to be a film about Genet's novel, rather than a conventional screen transcription. He also insisted on setting the action in a deliberately artificial environment. "The external occurrence, separated from Genet's image world", Fassbinder declared, "gives us a not very interesting, more or less third-rate detective story, hardly worth our concern." His concern, instead, was lavished on the "subjective fantasy" within the plot - an inner world governed by Genet's imagination.

Genet is the Atlantic port of Brest, "a hard and solid town". Genet wrote, "constructed of grey granite hewn from the Breton quarries"; our sailor hero now disembarks onto a Munich film stage designed with gaudy pomp by Rolf Zehetbauer. A permanently orange sun hangs overhead; characters pose, spout dialogue and make love in various corners of the single set, whose features include a bar-counter, a brothel and suggestive stone towers.

Perversely, *Querelle* enjoys the trappings of accessible cinema: international stars like Jeanne Moreau and Franco Nero, an English soundtrack. But its principal audience will probably be the up-market critic hunter, the Screen on the Hill, London, is thus the perfect venue. Performances begin on August 11.

Geoff Brown

Heaven's Gate to be reopened

When Michael Cimino's *Heaven's Gate* first appeared in London in September, 1981, it was difficult to see the film itself for the obscuring jungle of bad publicity that had built up since the first New York screenings in November the previous year.

We were not really watching the provocative, sumptuous spectacle of East European immigrants in Johnson County, Wyoming, during the 1890s, under vicious attack from the Stock Growers' Association. Instead, we were hunting for evidence to corroborate the horror stories: the monstrous hudget that "expanded like yeast" (the producer's words) and reached \$30m; the incoherent plot and characters, no

doubt made worse by the truncated print (205 minutes had been cut to 149).

Above all, we were prey to the temptation to join in America's gleeful delight at a Hollywood whizkid falling on his face after his previous film, *The Deer Hunter*, had scooped five Oscars.

Two years later, it is time to open up *Heaven's Gate* again and watch the screen with an unsullied mind. From August 13 to 16 the complete version can be seen at the National Film Theatre (two performances daily), and this week's films have been carefully chosen to amplify its subject-matter and style. Tomorrow, for instance, there is a rare chance to see Ian

Troell's *The Emigrants* and *The New Land*, two sprawling panoramas following Swedish immigrants across the sea to America. Tomorrow, Malick's *Days of Heaven*, in which visuals outweigh the drama much as in *Heaven's Gate*, is revived on Wednesday and Thursday.

Cimino himself appears at the NFI for a Guardian Lecture (Thursday). Since the *Heaven's Gate* debacle his career has been in understandable difficulties, though there are now plans afoot for *Yellow Jersey* with Dustin Hoffman - a project first mooted in 1976, when Cimino was known only for the abrasive thriller *Thunderbolt and Lightfoot*.



By the neck: Jeanne Moreau and Brad Davis (top) in Fassbinder's *Querelle*; bottom, Isabelle Huppert and Kris Kristofferson in Michael Cimino's *Heaven's Gate*

Genre professional with the golden touch

Films on TV

Howard Hawks, who died in 1977, was a hard-nosed Hollywood director who regarded making films as just another job and was the last to claim any artistic pretension. Yet artist he was, not in the Ingmar Bergman sense of using his work to express a deep personal vision but in his ability to take and enrich popular forms and leave his stamp upon them.

Nearly all Hawks's films were genre pictures: they just happened to be among the best of their type. Think of the gangster film and you think of *Scarface*, the war film and *Sergeant York*, the comedy and *Bringing Up Baby*; and has there ever been as good a private eye thriller as *The Big Sleep*?

He also made several fine Westerns and it is largely because Hawks directed it that *El Dorado* (today, BBC1, 7.05-9.10pm) is not just another piece of John Wayne gun-slinging with which to while away a dead Saturday evening.

When *El Dorado* first appeared, in 1966, it tended to be dismissed as an enjoyable if decidedly inferior version of a previous Hawks Western, *Rio Bravo*; the tired offering of a man near the end of his career. There are certainly similarities between the two films.

In each, the basic plot is the defence of a town against outlaws, undertaken by John Wayne with the dubious help of an alcoholic (Dean Martin in *Rio Bravo*, Robert Mitchum here) and a toothless old gaffer (Arthur Hunnitcutt succeeding Walter Brennan).

But the plot is only a framework in which to explore character and motive and it is precisely Hawks's ability to breathe new life into familiar forms that forces *El Dorado* to be considered in its own right, to be appreciated equally by

those who know *Rio Bravo* down to the last frame and audiences coming to Hawks for the first time.

For the latter, particularly, two more things can be said about Hawks. His constant theme (echoing his own view of his work) is the need for professionals to do their job in tough situations. People in Hawks's films are always asking, "Is he good enough?"

The second point concerns Hawks's style. At first glance, there is none: no dramatic lighting, no fancy camerawork, no fast cutting. A good director, Hawks once said, is someone who does not get in the way. Look more closely, though, and every shot works for the film. Art may be concealing art but it is art all the same.

Peter Waymark

Also recommended: *Lady on a Train* (1945): A thriller worth catching for one of the few non-singing performances of its star, Deanna Durbin (BBC2, today, 5.35-7.05pm). *The Painted Veil* (1934): Greta Garbo and Herbert Marshall in a triangle drama, set in China and based on the novel by Somerset Maugham (Channel 4, tomorrow, 2.30-4pm).

The Ballad of Cable Hogue (1970): Offbeat, and for its director Sam Peckinpah, relatively unviolent Western with Jason Robards as a gold prospector (BBC1, Mon, 9.40-11.40pm).

Cat on a Hot Tin Roof (1958): Powerful playing from Elizabeth Taylor and Paul Newman in Tennessee Williams's study of a Southern family in torment (BBC2, Thurs, 8.10-9.55pm).

My Favourite Blonde (1942): Inventive comedy-thriller starring Bob Hope, Madeline Carroll and a penguin (Channel 4, Fri, 9-10.30pm).

supporting *Playtime* (today and Wed), *L'École des Facteurs* (1947) is the bud from which *Jour de Fête* blossoms; *Cours du Soir* (1967) offers a dishevelled but fascinating survey of Tati's comic repertoire.

TOOTSIE (PG) Classic Chelsea (352 5095) Studio, Oxford Circus (437 3300) Warner West End (439 0791) and on national release. A superlative egg: little comedy posies with tedious set pieces. Worth seeing, though, for director Richard Lester's acumen and the splendid spectacle of a spiteful, drunken Superman.

JACQUES TATI SEASON Everyman (435 1525) until Aug 10. Spry comedies such as *Mr Hulot's Holiday* (Tues) and *Jour de Fête* (tomorrow) need no recommendation, but the Everyman's Tati season also includes two rare shorts.

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Critics' choice

DIAL M FOR MURDER (PG) ICA Cinema, The Mall (930 3647) until Sept 7 (closed Mon). Seen without the original 3D effects, Alfred Hitchcock's 1954 film of Frederick Knott's costly conventional thriller is a hasty piece of cinema. The 3D version (never before released in Britain) transforms the film into an absorbing, audacious game with objects, people and space. Ray Milland plays the tennis pro with murderous intentions towards his wife (Grace Kelly). Also featured: a pair of scissors, various lachrymose, of course, a telephone.

FANNY AND ALEXANDER (15) Camden Plaza (485 2443) until Aug 24

Edinburgh Filmhouse (031 228 2688) Aug 6-10. Immer Bergman's amazing evocation of life, joys and terrors, staged with exceptional opulence, beauty and lightness of touch. Traditional Bergman themes are deftly woven into the mixed fortunes of a Swedish family early in the century. Masterful, loving performances.

JACQUES FEYDER SEASON National Film Theatre (928 3232) until Aug 21. This week sees the best of the NFI's important season resurrecting the films of Feyder, an eclectic, curious talent best known for *La Kermesse Héroïque* (Fri). The Foreign Legion drama *Le Grand Jeu* (Tues) is perhaps the most fully satisfying, but there are also wonders galore in the silent films *Gribiche* (today) and *tomorrow* and

Visages d'Enfants (tomorrow), and the bizarre comedy-drama of maternal love *Pension Mimosas* (Tues). All films feature extensive, eloquent location shooting, extraordinary decor and fresh performances.

THE KING OF COMEDY (PG) Cinemas, Panton Street (330 0631) Gate, Mayfair (493 0691) Screen on the Hill (435 3366) A comedy only on the surface: deep down, Martin Scorsese's striking film offers a bleak, low-key examination of desperate people trapped in fantasies. Jerry Lewis gives a remarkable, sour performance as a TV star kidnapped by an ambitious fan; Robert De Niro and newcomer Sandra Bernhard are hardly less impressive.

ONE FROM THE HEART (15) Lumiere St Martin's Lane (836 0691) Until Aug 11. Francis Coppola's studio-bound musical fantasy offers scanty

human feelings and abundant technological fireworks. Lovers and drifters shift positions one holiday weekend in Las Vegas; the heart is unmoved, but the eye is beguiled.

PAULINE AT THE BEACH (15) Academy 2, Oxford Street (437 5129) Eric Rohmer's latest conversational trifle about young love, peopled with annoying characters (Amenda Langille, Pauline is the chief exception). The scenery, though, suits the season perfectly; when the waves and sea breeze start rolling in, you feel like diving into the screen.

THE PLOUGHMAN'S LUNCH (15) Coronet Notting Hill (727 6705) Gate Bloomsbury (837 1177/8402). Everyman (435 1525) Aug 11-17. Edinburgh Filmhouse (031 228 2688) Aug 11-13

Striking cinematic debut by stage and TV director Richard Eyre: a subtle portrait of post-Falklands Britain, built around a radio journalist with shady morals, Ian McEwan's intelligent script is bolstered by fine location photography.

RETURN OF THE JEDI (U) Classic Chelsea (352 5095) Classic Tottenham Court Road (636 6148) Leicester Square Theatre (930 5252) Odeon Kensington (602 6644) Odeon Marble Arch (723 2011/2) and on national release. The latest, ultra-sophisticated instalment of George Lucas's *Star Wars* saga, this third adventure describes the rebel commanders' new attempt to combat the Galactic Emperor. Directed by Richard Marquand with Harrison Ford.

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PREVIEW Galleries

Critics' choice

ARTISTS OF THE TUDOR COURT Victoria and Albert Museum, London SW7 (589 6371). Until Nov 6, Mon-Thurs and Sat 10am-5.15pm, Sun 2.30-5.15pm. It is many years since a major exhibition of classic English portrait miniatures took place in London, and meanwhile there have been many changes of critical emphasis and a lot of new scholarship; also, the history and iconography of the Tudor portrait are one of V & A director Sir Roy Strong's specialities. So the present show is both timely and a labour of love. The famous figures, such as Hilliard and Oliver, are present in force, but the show has its discoveries as well, such as a female miniature, Lucrecia Tserlino, who would seem to have taught Hilliard.

MASQUERADE Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2 (600 3699). Until Oct 2, Tues-Sat 10am-6pm. Exhibition recreating the look, sound and atmosphere of the eighteenth-century London pleasure-grounds which, for a generation or two, were an obsession with Londoners and indeed with city-dwellers all over Europe. Paintings, graphics, memorabilia and the music that went with them all pay tribute to the vitality of popular entertainment at the time, most effectively by making it popular entertainment for today as well.

PHOTOGRAPHY

WILLIAM EGGLESTON Victoria and Albert Museum, Henry Cole Wing, Cromwell Road, London SW7 (589 6371). Until Sept 18, Mon-Thurs and Sat 10am-5.30pm, Sun 2.30-5.30pm. Colour photographs from the American South by William Eggleston, who is considered an authentic witness of the subject. Photographs on show are dye-transfer prints which give an added intensity of colour; however, a snapshot feeling does prevail.

PEOPLE IN POLITICS Stock Exchange, Visitors' Gallery, Threadneedle Street, London EC2. Until Sept 2, Mon-Fri, 9.45am-3.15pm. A photographic record by the *Financial Times* of the path to Westminster trod by victors and vanquished allies.

WAR GRAVES Camden Arts Centre, Arkwright Road, London NW3 (435 2643). Until Aug 10, Mon-Thurs and Sat 11am-6pm, Fri 11am-9pm, Sun 2-6pm. Fifty photographs by John Garfield of the war graves of the First World War. The images of Lutyens grave-stones have triggered a variety of emotions in this photographer not the least being the notion that memory is intangible and that without pause for thought the individual inscriptions become

CYCLADIC ART British Museum, Great Russell Street, London WC1 (638 1555). Until Sept 18, Mon-Sat 10am-5pm, Sun 2.30-6pm. Selected from the Greek private collection of N.P. Goulandris, this series of typical small marble figurines in strongly simplified forms which recall the sculpture of ancient Egypt is supported by a selection of pots and metalwork to give an overall picture of the prehistoric Aegean civilization.

THAT'S SHELL - THAT IS! Barbican Art Gallery, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (638 4141). Until Sept 4, Tues-Sat 11am-7pm, Sun noon-6pm. Shell Oil's enterprising patronage of the arts reached its climax in the 1930s with the famous series of advertising posters by leading artists such as Sutherland, Paul Nash, Piper and Ben Nicholson. The show covers the whole range, from about 1907 up to the artwork for the 1984 calendar. Also at the Barbican, *Peter Phillips: Retrospective*, a touring retrospective which includes more recent works from an artist who emerged with the Pop Art movement.

ROYAL ACADEMY SUMMER EXHIBITION Royal Academy of Arts, Burlington House, Piccadilly, London W1 (734 3471). Until Aug 26, daily 10am-6pm. Admission £2, £1. Mon: 50p for all. One of the most popular events in the art world; 1,453 exhibits, so there should be plenty of talking points.

detached and meaningless. The very starkness and simplicity of the memorials make the futility of war all the more evident. Also on show here is *A Tribute to Henry Moore* by Errol Jackson who, over the past 22 years, has made some 15,000 photographs of the sculptor.

DAVID HOCKNEY'S PHOTOGRAPHS Knoedler Kasmin, 22 Cork Street, London W1 (439 1096). Until end of Aug, Mon-Fri 10am-6.30pm (Thurs to 8pm) For 18 months David Hockney has been making an assault on the monocular vision of contemporary photography. Each large finished piece in this exhibition is constructed from hundreds of 6in x 4in colour prints through which he has deliberately attempted to convey time and space in a way similar to the cubist painters by giving a multiple view of a single subject seen over a period of time.

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JANACEK'S POHADKA Today, 11 am, Lounge Hall, Harrogate (0423 65757). Arcon Award winner Lowri Blake plays Janacek's *Pohadka*, Martinu's *Slovak Variations*, and cello sonatas by Beethoven (Op 5 No 1) and Brahms (Op 98).

TEENING SONATAS Tomorrow, 3 pm, Institute of Contemporary Arts, The Mall, London SW1 (930 3647). Tuba player John White has written over 100 piano sonatas, but Yvonne Mikashoff plays only a selection.

FOUR SEASONS Tomorrow, 3 pm, Opera House, Buxton, Derbyshire (0293 71010). Meanwhile, in Buxton, Anthony Hise conducts the Manchester Camerata in Vivaldi's *Four Seasons*, Schubert's *Symphony No 5* and two agreeable rhapsodies, Gounod's *Faust Symphony* and Suppé's *Boccaccio Overture*.

TRIPLE DUO Tomorrow, 7.30 pm, Albert Hall, London SW7 (589 6212).

John Carewe conducts the Fires of London in Peter Maxwell Davies's *Revelation and Fall* and the European premiere of Elliott Carter's *Triple Duo*, a BBC commission. Then Davies conducts them in his lurid arrangement of Sandy Wilson's *Boy Friend* music and in Philip Grange's *Cimmerian Nocturns*.

ON TALLIS Tomorrow, 7.30 pm, Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (628 8735, credit cards 638 8891). André Bernard conducts the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra in Vaughan Williams's *Fantasia on a Theme of Thomas Tallis*. Also on the programme are Bruch's *Violin Concerto No 1* (soloist, Jack Rothstein), Beethoven's *Leonora Overture No 3* and *Symphony No 5*.

LE MIDI Mon, 7.30 pm, Albert Hall. Two little-known symphonies, Haydn's *Le Midi* and Dvořák's *No 5*, are points of interest in this Prom. Oleg Kagan solos in

Tchaikovsky's *Violin Concerto*, and Eliahu Inbal conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra.

LE BESTIAIRE Mon, 11 am, Lounge Hall, Harrogate. Marilyn de Bieck, winner of a Benson & Hedges prize, sings Poulenc's *Le Bestiaire*, three Madonnas and Child songs by Wolf, four Last Songs by Vaughan Williams, five English Canzons by Hayden. The pianist is Karel Gott.

CLOCKS, CLOUDS Tues, 7.30 pm, Albert Hall. Ligeti's amusing *Clocks and Clouds* is the only thing to come between Bartók's *Music for Strings, Percussion and Celeste* and Shostakovich's *Symphony No 14*. The London Sinfonietta is conducted by Elgar Howarth.

PARROT'S HANDS Tues, 8 pm, Ripon Cathedral, Harrogate (0423 65757). On the organ of Ripon Cathedral Jennifer Bates gives the world premiere of Parrot's *Hands Across the Years*. She also plays her own

Norwegian Barcarolle and Toccata on a Theme of Martin Shaw, Messiaen's *Transports de Joie*, Liszt's *Fantasia and Fugue on B-A-C-H*.

PIANO AND VIOLIN Wed and Thurs, 7.30 pm, Sutton Place, near Guildford, Surrey (0483 504455). Nigel Kennedy performs Bach's *G Minor Partita* for solo violin, then Peter Perle, the pianist, joins him for Ravel's *Sonata* and Brahms's *Sonata Op 108*. In a concluding outburst of frivolity they play Sarasate's *Carmen Fantasy*.

YOUNGER STRAUSS Wed, 7.30 pm, Albert Hall. Ferdinand Leitner conducts the BBC Symphony Orchestra in Mozart's *Linz Symphony* and Brahms's *St Anthony Variations*, and Eugene Sarbu is the soloist in Mozart's *Violin Concerto K 216*. This concert also ends in an outburst of frivolity with the *1001 Nights Intermezzo*, *Gypsy Baron Overture*, and *Emperor Waltz*, all by Johann Strauss the younger.

IVO POGORELICH Wed, 8 pm, Conference Centre, Harrogate (0423 65757). Ivo Pogorelich, sensational non-winner of the 1980 Warsaw Chopin Competition, plays Brahms's *English Suite No 2* and Bach's *Capriccio No 2 Op 76*, Chopin's *Balade No 3* and *Sonata No 3*, Balakirev's *Isle-royale* and Ravel's *Alborada del Gracioso*. All are likely to receive controversial readings.

ROSTROPOVICH FESTIVAL Thurs, 7.30 pm, The Maltings, Britten's Last Illuminations with Anthony Rolfe Johnson. Fore and aft: Mozart's *Paris* Symphony and Mendelssohn's *Italian* Symphony.

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THE WEEK AHEAD

Today

NATIONAL TOWN CRIERS CHAMPIONSHIP: Since the Queen's Silver Jubilee several towns have revived the office of town crier and for this year's national championship there is a record entry of 40. Norman Roberts of Leicester will be defending the title he won in 1961 and 1962 and the competitors include three women. The criers are assessed on strength and quality of voice. Warner Square, Hastings, Sussex. 2.30pm.

CITY REELS: Starting today and for the next three Saturdays, rain or shine, spectators are invited to watch - or join in - open air Scottish dancing in Paternoster Square, beside St Paul's Cathedral. Displays of solo Highland dancing will be given during the evening. Music is provided by the Frank Reid Scottish Country Dance Band and piper Iain Geddes. Paternoster Square, London EC4. 5.30-10pm. Free.

A CAGE FOR THE SUN: A documentary report on the 30-year quest to unlock power from fusion - releasing energy from atoms by fusing them instead of splitting them. It describes an ambitious £300m project at Culham in the Oxfordshire countryside where 11 West European countries have built a model of the sun, and also looks at the Russian contribution to fusion research. Channel 4. 7.30-9pm.

COV FESTIVAL 83: Eight days of shows at the Belgrave Theatre, Coventry, including today an "E. Tea Party" in Belgrave Square, and the Lord Mayor's Gaol, Lenny Henry on Tuesday, and Victoria Wood in her new one-woman show on Friday, Belgrave, Coventry (0203 20205). Until Aug 13.

MADAM MAIN COURSE: New comedy by Peter Terson about a forceful lady who runs a catering service for tired executives and their wives when they want to entertain important clients, and who takes a personal interest in the families she serves. With Sandra Clark and Barbara Leigh-Hunt. Saturday Night Theatre, Radio 4. 8.30-10pm.

THIRTY YEARS OF THOROUGHBREDS: Exhibition to celebrate the thirtieth anniversary of the introduction of two famous British sports cars, the Austin Healey and the Triumph TR. The vehicles on show include race and rally versions and prototypes which never went into production. The Heritage Motor Museum, Knollys Park, Brighthelm, Middlesex (01 560 1378). Open 10am-5.30pm every day. Adults £1.60, children and pensioners 80p. Until Sept 11.

Tomorrow

RIDING HORSE PARADE: Annual competition for weekend horse riders of all ages and abilities. First held in 1938 and re-established in 1965. Horses are judged on turnout and condition; everyone reaching a given standard wins a rosette and championship prizes are awarded in various categories. Fritten Flow, Hyde Park, London, 2pm. Spectators welcome and there is no charge.

GERMAN GRAND PRIX: The 1983 Formula One Season, is: who can beat the turbo? At Silverstone they were unstoppable, taking the first five places, and they seem set to dominate this afternoon's encounter



Wonder how her engine feels...Baby driver Catherine Jeanes of Bromley (above) and (left) an under-the-hood admirer at the motor museum, Syon Park (see Today)

over 45 laps of the Hockenheim circuit. After his win at Silverstone Alan Prost leads the drivers' table with 39 points, followed by Nelson Piquet, Patrick Tambay and the defending champion, Keke Rosberg. The race is covered on Sunday Grandstand, BBC, from 2.30pm.

WORLD ATHLETICS CHAMPIONSHIPS: The first event of its kind, and with more than 130 countries taking part, the championships continue through the week and the last crop of medals will be decided next Sunday.

PAUL KLEE: Selection of 60 paintings, watercolours and prints from the collection of his son, Felix. They show the range of Klee's work from an autumn landscape painted at the age of 23 to two of his last pictures. Admission £1, pensioners and students 50p. Showing with three other exhibitions, all free, devoted to Julio Gonzalez, Jean Miro and contemporary British art. Museum of Modern Art, 30 Pembroke Street, Oxford (0865 722733). Tue-Sat 10am-5pm. Sun 2-5pm. Until Sept 18.

ERIC ROHMER: A Sunday season of five films by the French cinema's principal analyst of morals and social behaviour begins with *À la nuit chez Maud* and *La Collectionneuse*, exquisite conversational pieces from the series of "Moral Tales". *Love in the Afternoon* and the Kleist adaption *Die Marquise von O* follow on Aug 14. Then comes the major rarity, *Perceval le Gallois* (Aug 21), an extravagantly stylized treatment of the verse-novel by Chrétien de Troyes, hardly seen in Britain since the 1979 London Film Festival. Electric Cinema (727 4592). Until Aug 21.

Monday

LIFT: Second coming for the biennial London International Festival of Theatre. Eleven companies and individual performers present shows at 10 fringe venues, and there are street theatre shows and workshops all over London. The Festival Centre is at the Old Hall, 18 Chertsey Street, WC1 (637 9521). Performances begin today at Bloomsbury Theatre (537 9629); George Coates (US); Performance Works, at 5pm, every night until Aug 13. Lyric Studio, Hammersmith (741 2311); International Visual Theatre (France); theatre for the deaf, *La Boule* (The Sea-shell) at 8pm every night until Aug 13. Riverside Studios (748 3354); Colletivo di Parma (Italy); *Hamlet*, *Macbeth*, *Henry IV* (in

Italian), each play in turn for four consecutive nights (no performance on Aug 15) at 7.30pm, until Aug 21. LIFT continues until Aug 21.

A PATRIOT FOR ME: The Chichester Festival Theatre production transfers to the West End for a 10-week season. Alan Bates leads in John Osborne's play (rarely seen since its controversial 1965 opening) about an officer in the Austro-Hungarian Imperial and Royal Army, who is blackmailed because of his homosexuality into becoming a spy for Tsarist Russia. With Harry Andrews, Michael Gough, June Ritchie, George Murcell, Ronald Eyre, and the Theatre Royal, Haymarket (530 9332). Opens today at 7pm. Mon-Sat at 7.30pm; matinee Sat at 2.30pm.

BAHAUDIR KALARI: Production by the Naya Theatre of India (see page 5).

ARDEN OF FAVERSHAM: Transfer from The Other Place, Stratford-on-Avon, for this anonymous but much-tributed sixteenth-century play. Terry Hands directs Jenny Agutter, Christopher Benjamin, David Bradley and The Pit, Barbican Centre (628 8795). Today, tomorrow, Thurs and Fri at 7.30pm. Press night Aug 16 at 7pm. In repertory.

CHILD OF JOY: The Gloucester-born poet and composer, Ivor Gurney, died in Dartford Asylum in 1937 at the age of 47. Because of his mental state, few people took him seriously but a recent examination of his

manuscripts by the writer P. J. Kavanagh has revealed him as a significant talent. In this programme Kavanagh describes his increasing fascination with Gurney and talks to Mrs Ethel Gurney, the poet's sister-in-law, now in her nineties. Radio 4, 4.10-4.40pm.

MANCINI IN LONDON: The prolific Hollywood composer, Henry Mancini, conducts the London Symphony Orchestra in four concertos of mainly film music, including Mancini's own compositions for *The Pink Panther*, *Days of Wine and Roses* and *Two For the Road*. Barbican Hall, London EC2 (628 8795). Today until Fri, 7.30pm.

THE SHIPS SAIL IN: The finish of the Fastnet Yacht Race provides the usual spectacular scenes at Plymouth Sound. The bigger craft should start to arrive this evening, passing the breakwater and crossing the Sound before berthing in Millbay Docks; the rest follow tomorrow. Best view of the boats in sail is from the Hoe and they can also be seen at close range in the docks. Plymouth, Devon (0752 670615) for 24-hour information.

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VULCAN WITH A SPANNER: A light-hearted, but historically authentic, picture of the early days of motoring, when petrol could be bought at the chemist or ironmonger; the cars wheezed, steamed and sometimes exploded; and mechanics ran up spare parts on the spot in the backyard. Compiled and presented by Professor Theo Barker, of London University. It includes first-hand reminiscences. Radio 4, 8.45-9.30pm.

MANET AT WORK: London's major marking of the Manet centenary is a show at the National Gallery bringing together the gallery's own Manets and various other works borrowed at home and abroad to illustrate the theme of Manet's working methods. Four important paintings, *Music in the Tuileries Gardens*, *The Waitress*, *The Execution of Maximilian* and *Portrait of Eva Gonzales*, are studied in detail, with related sketches and prints and background material, and there is a special section on the theme of Manet and War. National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (839

3321). Until October 9, Mon-Sat 10am-6pm. Sun 2-6pm. In conjunction with the exhibition there is a series of lunchtime lectures at 1pm in the Lower Floor Theatre, starting today and running until Oct 9.

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VULCAN WITH A SPANNER: A light-hearted, but historically authentic, picture of the early days of motoring, when petrol could be bought at the chemist or ironmonger; the cars wheezed, steamed and sometimes exploded; and mechanics ran up spare parts on the spot in the backyard. Compiled and presented by Professor Theo Barker, of London University. It includes first-hand reminiscences. Radio 4, 8.45-9.30pm.

MANET AT WORK: London's major marking of the Manet centenary is a show at the National Gallery bringing together the gallery's own Manets and various other works borrowed at home and abroad to illustrate the theme of Manet's working methods. Four important paintings, *Music in the Tuileries Gardens*, *The Waitress*, *The Execution of Maximilian* and *Portrait of Eva Gonzales*, are studied in detail, with related sketches and prints and background material, and there is a special section on the theme of Manet and War. National Gallery, Trafalgar Square, London WC2 (839

FILM BUFF OF THE YEAR: The television quiz reaches the final tonight when the contestants will be parading their knowledge on such topics as French films of the 1960s, Irving Berlin musicals, Rod Stager and the music of Miklos Rozsa. The question master is Robin Ray, who also devised the series and wrote it. BBC2, 9-9.30pm.

Thursday

THIRD TEST MATCH: England meet New Zealand at Lord's with the four-match series all square after New Zealand's emphatic win - their first on English soil at Headingley - England need to show more convincing form if they are to meet the challenge both of Pakistan during the winter and the mighty West Indies next summer. Radio 3 medium wave provides ball-by-ball commentary from 10.45 and there is television coverage on BBC1 and BBC2.

BUSTER KEATON SEASON: For the rest of August, the Barbican Cinema presents nine features and 15 shorts by one of the few silent clowns to relish the intrinsic properties of cinema. Titles in repertory include *The Navigator*, *The General*, *Steamboat Bill Jr.*, *Our Hospitality*, *Seven Chances* and *Sherlock Jr.* Barbican Cinema One (628 8795). Until Aug 31.

HEAVEN'S GATE: First full-length showing of Michael Cimino's controversial Western (see page 7).

QUERELLE: Fassbinder's last film (see page 7).

CRAFTSMEN'S TOOLS: The revival in interest in traditional crafts has led to a vogue for collecting nineteenth century tools of a type no longer made. Today's sale begins with more than 100 lots of bookbinding tools, while the second part is devoted to tools used for woodworking and includes a late nineteenth century English carpenter's brace, made of brass inlaid with wood rather than the usual ebony. Christie's South Kensington, 85 Old Brompton Road, London SW7 (581 2331). 2pm.

COWARDICE: Ian McKellen and Janet Suzman with Nigel Davenport in a first play by Sean Mathias, directed by Anthony Page. An actress and a writer, living in Peckham, behave as though they are Gertrude Lawrence and Noel Coward. Ambassadors (836 1171). Opens today at 7pm, following previews; then: Mon-Sat at 8pm.

Friday

COMIC ROOTS: First of a new series which looks at the early lives of comedians and how the seeds of their humour developed. In this case of Michael Palin, today's subject, the roots are in Sheffield whence he returns to discuss such early influences as the Goons and his own father. The story later moves to Oxford and the Edinburgh Festival. BBC1 8-8.30pm.

I WANT: Premiers of new play by Neil Dunn and Adrian Hearn, directed by Bill Morrison. Based on their own novel, it is about a lifelong love affair. Liverpool Playhouse (051 709 8363). Opens today at 7.30pm; then: Mon-Fri at 7.30pm; Sat at 4pm and 6pm. Until Sept 3.

Family Life

Short-lived mutiny of a galley slave

There will be one less spectator at the St Mawgan airshow this year. As the Meteors and Vampires sweep over the coast I shall not be perched - as I have been for the past four years - on a windswept tussock, admiring the view.

When I told the family that this would be so there was a minor uproar. "We always go to Cornwall," they said, "all our friends will be there, and the beach and the bay and the little pub that you love in the valley and how could you be so mean?" "Easily," I said, I took a while for this to sink in. Then they asked why.

Because (I said) whatever the weather now, you know and I know that the moment we cross the Cornish border it will rain. (Last year it rained for 19 of the 21 days). And because, though I too am quite fond of the place, I will do there what I do in London, but more often - cook and wash up and make beds and clean up and nag - not all the time, but enough. And because there are no cleaning ladies or Chinese, Indian or hamburger take-aways, and because I am fed up with self-catering holidays.

"We'll help, we promise," they said, "we'll make the beds and wash up and cook breakfast and let you sleep a lot." I knew they meant it. Just as I mean to write to my Aunt Sheila, throw out the clothes I haven't worn for five years or letters from old boyfriends I would not recognize if I bumped into them. I knew also that with the best will

in the world they could not sustain a "look after mother" attitude for more than a couple of days and that I would not have the heart or the energy to renege.

Like many wives and mothers, I am of course largely to blame for the fact that I am not surrounded by little helpers. Though intellectually convinced of the equity of sharing household tasks, I never stand my ground long enough to find out whether they would eventually rather eat from the saucepan rather than wash a plate, or watch the dog turn drooped sooner than take him for regular walks.

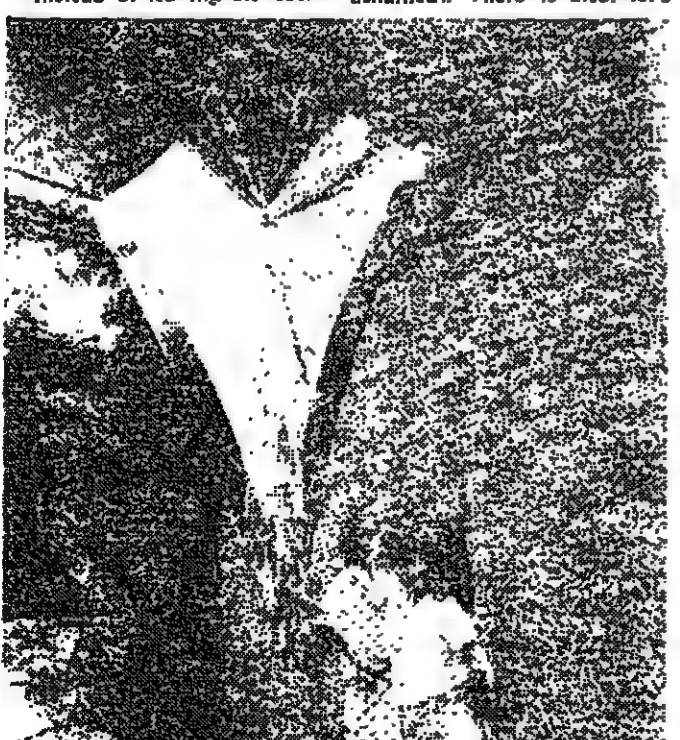
Instead of leaving old socks

and wet bath towels in situ, I gather them up because like most naturally untidy people I cannot bear other people's mess. And I have a deep-rooted conviction that would grow to penicillin proportions if I didn't. Also, if I'm honest, buried deep inside me is an accumulation of whimsical adages of the "you're only young once/let them loiter while they can" variety; the knowledge that it is always quicker to do it yourself than delegate, and a touch of collective memory of all those women who for centuries have rated their own exhaustion lower than their male partner's. (Of the latter I am deeply ashamed). There is also, let's

not dissemble, a touch of Superwoman about me. Such shameful subservience to youth and overworked businessmen is bad enough at home, but to elect to continue with it on holiday smacks of masochism. Hence the decision to be selfish: to seek the sun at full blast, hotels with staff and room service - and blow the rest of them.

Spring turned to summer before we studied the brochures. All the hotels abroad we liked (or could afford) were *déjà vu* but fully booked. The prospect of stand-bys and bucket-shop flights did not please; then there was the dog, for whom we could find no temporary minder at the right time. We had left it too late. The heavy rain arrived and like most phlegmatic Britons, we learned for a cooling breeze. We found it one day on a day trip on a canal, phut-phutting upstream...

Conspiratorial glances were exchanged as they brought me, bubbles and ice and insisted I lay on the roof watching the sky. No prizes for guessing where the galley slave will be in a week's time. She has exchanged vast converted for a narrow boat, a double bed for bunk beds, a rocky coastline for the riverbank. And she only has herself to blame. She is also, as she writes, sending off for the brochures for remote Mediterranean islands and getting a cast-iron commitment for dog-minders - for next year.



Sound sculpture: Musical instrument at the Barbican

Tomorrow, from noon. Adults £2.75, children £1.50. Full costumed reenactment of a fifteenth-century journey, plus exhibitions and demonstrations of woodturning, corn-dolly making, leathercraft and sculpture. Permanent exhibitions include Kay Desmond's toy and doll collection and a fascinating history of falconry.

HOT AIR BALLOONING AND KITE FLYING: Holker Hall and Park, Cark-in-Carmel, Grange-over-Sands, Cumbria (044 853 328). Tomorrow, Mon, 10.30am-6pm. Adults £2, children £1. Two days of hot-air balloon competitions and races, and demonstrations and indoor displays of kite flying - from traditional flat kites to the most eccentric. Bring your own kite.

RAF ST MAWGAN 11th INTERNATIONAL AIR DAY: RAF St Mawgan, Newquay, Cornwall. Wed, 9am-6pm. Car and occupants £5, pedestrians 50p. More than 100 aircraft from Great Britain, USA, Canada, Holland, France and Italy in a flying programme that lasts from 11am to 5.15pm. Expect to see the Red Arrows, Marlborough Pitt Specials, Dutch Grasshoppers, the Nato E3A, RAF Tornados, Shackleton, Mosquito, Meteor, Vampire, Harrier and many more.

MONSTER LEGO SHOW: Brighton Centre, Brighton, Sussex. Aug 12-30, Mon-Fri 11am-6pm, Sat and Sun, 10am-6pm. Adults 40p, children 25p. "Play palace" stocked with vast quantities of Lego for the over fives to play with (also a supervised creche filled with play bricks for the under fives).

Judy Froshaug

TATE TOURS: Tate Gallery, Millbank, London SW1 (821 1313). Aug 9-25, Tues and Thurs 11 am, free. Tours of the gallery for children aged 7-14 years, with a different theme to explore each day - next week mostly sculpture. Children are invited to explore and discover for themselves how the sculptures are made and what they are about under the guidance of one of the Tate's voluntary guides.

SHOWS: Grand Festival of Punch and Judy, Polka Children's Theatre, 240 The Broadway, London SW19 (543 4889). Tues-Fri at 11 am and 2.30 pm, Aug 13 at 11 am and 5 pm. Adults £3, children £1.50.

Peddington Bear's Magical Musical, Arts Theatre, Cambridge. (0223 352000). Tues-Aug 13 at 2.30 pm and 7.30 pm. Adults £4 and £5, children £3 and £4.

Desire Puppet Company's Abee in Wonderland. Brent Town Hall, Forty Lane, Wembley, Middlesex, (903 1400). Mon at 2.30 pm, Tues-Aug 13 at 10.30 am and 2.30 pm. Adults £2 and £2.50, children £1 and £1.25.

Outings

FAMILY FESTIVAL: Barbican Centre, Silk Street, London EC2 (638 8891) and Museum of London, London Wall, London EC2. Today-August 21. More than 150 events, many of them free, in this family festival: exhibitions, story-telling sessions, dance, mime, puppets, cinema shows, concerts. Today, for example, the Brontësaurus Birthday Cake Special, a story-telling with bookmaking by the author Robert McCrum, at 11 am and 2 pm (free); and a street theatre production, *Pirates on the Lakeside Terrace* at 1.45 pm and 3.45 pm (free). There are clown and puppet shows for children of five and over on Mon and Tues at 11 am and 3 pm. Wed at 12.30 pm, and a puppet show on Thurs at 2 pm and 3 pm (all free). Call at the Barbican Information Centre or write to Family Festival, Barbican Centre enclosing a sae for leaflet describing all events and prices.

MEDIEVAL TOURNAMENT AND CRAFT DEMONSTRATIONS: Sudley Castle, Winchcombe, Gloucestershire (0242 602308).

Chess

Tournament winner with a sore tooth

A hundred years and one week ago the Polish grandmaster, Simon Winawer, by beating the German master, J. Schwarz, in the last round of the third international tournament of the German Chess Federation at Nuremberg, achieved the greatest success of his tournament career. The names and scores of the competitors in this event reveal how strong it was: Winawer 14, Blackburne 13½, Mason 12, Berger 11½, Bardeleben 11, Bird and Riemann 10½, Schillopp 10, Schwarz 9½, Hrubý and Weiss 9, Schottland 8½, Bier and L. Paulsen 8, W. Paulsen 6½, Fritz 5½, Gunsberg and Lange 5, and Löffmann 4.

An astonishing circumstance about Winawer's participation in this event is that it was almost a *happens*. A *Kaufmann* (merchant) by profession he was merely passing through Nuremberg on business at the time. I leave it to the eloquent words of Hoffer in *Chess Monthly* to describe what happened.

"Winawer had no intention to take part in the tournament. On a journey from Hamburg to Vienna he arrived at Nuremberg, and suffering acutely from toothache, he stopped to get professional advice. When walking to the town he accidentally met Mason, who accompanied him to a dentist.

Whilst waiting for the next train to Vienna, the committee were apprised of his presence, and persuaded him to play in the tournament."

To get Winawer in true historical perspective it should be realized that Siebert Tarrasch was playing in the general tournament at Nuremberg and in fact won it, appearing in the prize lists as Herr Tarrasch von Halle. But though Winawer lived most of his life (1838-1920) during the so-called classical age of chess, he was no classicist, being rather more modern than the hypermoderns. Inventor of the system named after him in the French Defence which is almost the call sign of the hypermoderns, he was also playing the Modern Defence (P-Q3) some 80 odd years before it became so popular among the bright young things of our own time.

The contemporary comment about his opening the defence with P-Q3 was "eccentric but hardly original". I suppose we would say nowadays "original but hardly eccentric". Sadly, the hypermoderns give him no credit for his innovations. Neither Réti nor Nimzowitsch mention him in their

books. Perhaps they mistrust his practicality. After all, he himself made no claims to be an innovator.

This was the game Winawer won at Nuremberg on July 30, 1883.

White: S. Winawer. Black: J. Schwarz. French Defence.

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15 N-K3 B-B2
16 P-K4 P-K4

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To which Hoffer appends the note: "A suicidal advance: Herr Schwarz informs me that while playing it he utterly overlooked the power of White's nineteenth move."

They called a spade a spade in those days.

After 18... P-N5, 19 Q-R6 is deadly.

22 NxP! NxP
If 22... P-N5, 23 QxP ch. K-N2; 24 RxR, QxR; 25 R-KR1 and White wins.

23 RxR N-K3
Or 24... K-K2; 25 R-N1, K-N2.

If 26... KxN, White mates in two moves by 27 N-P ch, KxP; 28 Q-B4.

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Harry Golombek

Bridge

Wily tricks of a channel crossing

As Master Bridge entered its final weeks, the long-awaited challenge between the production teams of BBC's *Grand Slam* and the Channel 4 series was finally arranged.

On the eve of the match, I received an agitated telephone call from Peter Bazalgette, our producer. "David Elstein's just told me that Peter Jay can't play. He's substituting Elaine Pencharz. What do we do?"

Jay's form was an unknown quantity. Elaine Pencharz is a Life Master. It was a bit like saying that their leg spinner had sprained his ankle and they were playing Michael Holding instead. "Treat it with lofty disdain", I suggested. After all, nothing would be gained by moaning.

In the room overlooking the patio, Channel 4 was represented by David Elstein (South) and Jenny Conway (North); the BBC by Ruth Jackson (East) and J. Flint (West). I should perhaps explain to those unfamiliar with the television world that the famous work under their maiden names. We faced Mr and Mrs Elstein.

This was the first board:

North-South game. Dealer South.

W N E S
35(1) NT NT NT NT
Double No No No No

(1) What is the best bid? Theoretically four spades, I suppose, but my choice was influenced by two psychological considerations. First of all my charming hostess would doubtless construe three spades as a strong bid and raise me to game on minimal values. If North had the balance of strength, she would have to bid at an uncomfortable level. Obviously, I intended to double any opposition contract, hoping to achieve an initial advantage.

I led the ♠Q, which Elstein won. He cashed the ♠A, giving me a nasty look when I

discarded a diamond. Deciding to settle for a small penalty, he drove out my ♠K and emerged with seven tricks. Upstairs, the Gardener-Pencharz partnership were defeated by two tricks in four spades doubled, giving a total swing of 800, or 13 IMPs, to the BBC. The score after eight dynamic boards was BBC 45 IMPs, Channel 4 36 IMPs.

It was time for the delicious salmon mayonnaise and refreshing white burgundy, accompanied by an animated discussion of the sophisticated technique required to make bridge "television".

Investment and Finance

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STOCK EXCHANGES

FT Index: 723.0 down 0.6
FT 100: 79.03 down 0.16
FT All Share: 450.87 down 2.11
Barrings: 20,026
Datastream USM Leaders
Index: 97.67 up 0.22
New York Dow Jones
Average (latest): 1181.19
down 1.90
Tokyo Nikkei Dow Jones
Index: 1,028.25 up 5.27
Amsterdam: 148.1 down 1.3
Sydney: AO Index: 888.8
down 2.4
Frankfurt Commerzbank
Index: 84.20 down 12.5
Brussels General
Index: 132.04 down 0.86
Paris: CAC Index: 131.4
down 0.5
Zurich: SKA General: 294.9
down 0.1

CURRENCIES

LONDON CLOSE
Sterling \$1.4855 down 20pts
Index 84.3 up 0.3
DM 3.9875 up 0.0125
FF 12.00 up 0.0550
Yen 362.50 unchanged
Dollar
Index 129.0 up 0.8
DM 2.6810
NEW YORK LATEST
Sterling \$1.4890
INTERNATIONAL
ECU: 1.598
SDR: 2.06684

INTEREST RATES

Domestic rates:
Bank base rate 9%
Finance houses base rate 10
Discount market loans week
fixed 8%
3 month interbank 9 1/8-9 1/4
Euro-currency rates:
3 month dollar 10 1/8-10 1/4
3 month DM 5 1/8-5 1/4
3 month FF 16 1/4-16
US rates:
Bank prime rate 10.50
Fed funds 8 1/2
Treasury long bond 9 9/16-9 9/8
ECGD Fixed Rate Sterling
Export Finance Scheme IV
Average reference rate for
interest period 6 July to 2
August, 1983 inclusive: 9.989
per cent.

GOLD

London fixed (per ounce):
am \$409.75
close \$410.75-411.50 (£276.5-
277) down \$2.25
New York latest: \$409.75
Kruggerand (per coin):
\$423-424.50 (£284.50-285.50)
Sovereigns (new):
\$96-97 (£64.50-65.25)
*Excludes VAT

NOTEBOOK

Rubber prices have bounced up over the last six months, after two years of depression. If they continue at the present rate they could, within weeks, reach the point at which the rubber buffer stock manager must sell. How will the market react?
American Depository receipts, previously an obscure technicality, sprang to prominence in recent weeks. American investors have acquired sizable stakes in blue chip British companies. But the speed at which these stakes have increased has posed problems for Morgan Guaranty, the inventor of ADRs.
In the wake of Henderson administration another investment group has restructured. Atlantic Assets is capitalizing holdings in Ivory & Slime and Personal Asset. The directors will realize some of their holdings, but the discount is attractive to other shareholders.

COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

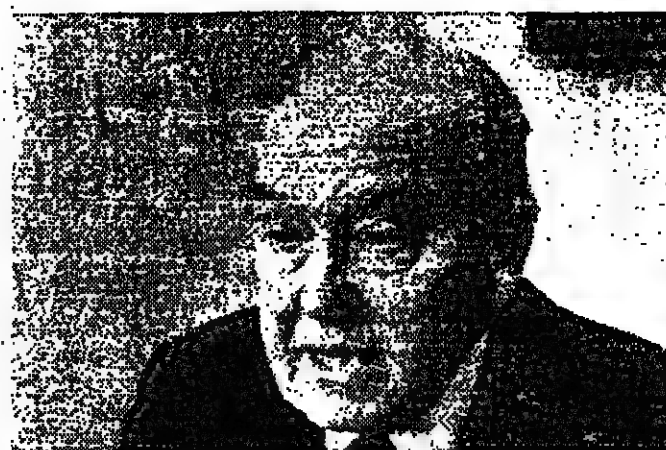
Longdon Industrial Holdings
Year to 31.3.83.
Pretax loss £185,000 (loss £136,000).
Turnover £4.5p (3.6p).
Net dividend 1p (same).
Sidney C. Banks
Year to 30.4.83.
Pretax profit £1,171,000 (£972,000).
Turnover £27,700,000.
Net dividend 4.10.83.
Anglo Securities
Half-year to 30.6.83.
Pretax profit £184,000 (£388,000).
Turnover £0.89p (0.31p).
Net dividend 0.45p (0.4p).
Dividend payable 4.10.83.
Streeters of Galsworthy
Year to 31.12.82.
Pretax loss £387,000 (£215,000 profit).
Turnover £9,601,000 (£10,752,000).
Net dividend none (same).

Exports boost by former BA subsidiary

STC celebrates independence by doubling interim profits to £42m

By Michael Prest

Standard Telephone and Cables, the electronics group, celebrated the independence it won from IIT last year by revealing yesterday that interim profits leapt to £42.4m from £26.4m.
Sales grew in line with profits, from £270m to £406m. But much the biggest improvement was in telecommunications and electronics, where sales went up by £78m to £256m, and pretax income rose by 40 per cent. Components and distribution, which has suffered from low demand and squeezed margins, managed £107m compared with £92m.
Nevertheless, the sales figures also clearly demonstrate the worth of last March's £60 purchase of International Aeradio IAL British Airways. IAL accounted for nearly all of the £42.5m of sales from assets acquired this year.



Corfield: Exports rose by 90 per cent

STC does not break down profits or sales between its six divisions at the interim stage, but it is clear that telecommunications and telephone exchanges in particular are important

Telecom with TXE4A exchanges at the rate of one a week, and that business should continue at that level for several years.
Sales of business systems are also proceeding briskly. Demand for telex machines, word processing equipment, data terminals and visual display units, and the smaller PABX telephone exchanges, is growing. There has also been a strong demand, from business and private consumers for the "intelligent" telephones manufactured by STC Telecommunications.
STC expects expenditure on research and development to be more than £40m compared with £30m last year.
With earnings per share up from 6.2p to 8.5p, it is widely expected in the City that last year's pretax profits of £64.3m could become as much as £100m in 1983.

Exports to eastern Europe up 16%

By John Lawless

British exports to eastern Europe are increasing twice as fast this year as sales to the world as a whole.
At £401m in the first five months, they are 16 per cent up on the same period in 1982, against a global increase of 7 per cent.
Extraordinarily, Poland is Britain's biggest growth customer. Sales of £67m there between January and May produced a 72 per cent leap in British exports.
Exceptional factors are at play, though. Poland's foreign purchases were low last year but, without having to pay its debts while western sanctions are in force, the Warsaw authorities have much more ready cash to spend.
The increase in sales to the Soviet Union, at 46 per cent, is much more significant.
Exports reached £194m by the end of May, against £133m a year before.
"Most encouraging is that sales seem to be rising right across the board," Mr Anthony Fore, executive secretary of the East European Trade Council, said yesterday. "There is no jumbo-sized project in the pipeline."
Shipments from John Brown Engineering to the Siberian gas pipeline, which President Rea-

Exports to eastern Europe up 16%

gan last year tried to block, have helped the power generating equipment sector to notch up £18.5m worth of sales, a rise of £15m.
Industrial machinery has gone up £10m, to £27.5m, and chemicals and textiles and yarns have recorded healthy gains. Other important exports which do well in the Soviet market, include iron and steel and office machinery.
Comecon countries, with the exception of Bulgaria, are currently selling more to Britain. East Germany's five-month export rise of 43 per cent, to £77m, leads, followed by Hungary and Czechoslovakia. Total sales by East Europe to May were up 12 per cent, to £499m.
The Soviet Union sales rise, though, is only 5 per cent. At £258m, they are still worth more than half the east European total.
With the distortion of £250m-plus a year in diamond sales now removed from Britain's Overseas Trade Statistics because they are sold on through the London market, Russian exports remain dominated by raw materials. Oil makes up two-thirds of everything that Britain buys (of a type not found in the North Sea).

What Britain sells and buys from the Soviet Union (1982)	
UK exports	£m
Industrial machinery	68
Textiles yarns and fibres	42
Power equipment	37
Chemicals	29
Iron and steel	19
Office machinery	15
Total	£356m
UK imports	£m
Oil	427
Diamonds*	20
Wood etc	94
Hides and skins	23
Total	£570m

*Estimate based on 1978-80 averages, diamonds no longer being recorded in UK Overseas Trade Statistics

US jobless rate in sharp fall to 9.5%

From Mohsin Ali, Washington

The United States unemployment rate fell to 9.5 per cent in July as nearly 500,000 Americans found jobs, the Labour Department reported here.
Last month's reduction from June's 10.0 per cent underscored the steady progress in reducing national unemployment that has taken place since the severe recession ended last year. Then, the unemployment rate was at a post-war high of 10.8 per cent.
Unemployment has not fallen by as much as half a percentage point in a single month for many years. Total employment increased by 499,000 to 101.3 million last month.
A White House official called the Labour Department's report "outstanding" and added:

Dow starts to recover

WALL STREET

New York (AP-Dow Jones) - Wall Street stocks were narrowly mixed in early trading yesterday, after recovering part of their heavy loss.
The Dow Jones industrial average fell about a point after sliding five from an early advance. Advances and declines were even and trading was moderate.
Mr Arthur D Ammann of Boettcher company of Denver says "Some believe this market is oversold, but I expect it will become even more oversold. A close below 1,180 which I expect will occur today can result in a drop to 1,100 or lower."
International Business Machines at 119 1/2 was down 1/2; General Motors was 68 1/2 down 1/2; Exxon was 37 1/2 up 1/2; NCR was 116 down 1 1/2; Ford was 54 1/2 down 1/2; AMP was 30 1/2 down 1/2; McDonnell Douglas was 49 1/2 down 1/2; Digital Equipment was 104 1/2 up 1/2; Northwest Airlines was 4 1/2 down 1/2 and Commodore International was 42 1/2 up 1/2. American Telephone & Telegraph rose 1/2 to 62 1/2; Gene Ral

City Editor's Comment

The long, hard road to Wytch Farm

If Mrs Thatcher's first four years taught this Government anything about privatization, it was surely that converting simple manifesto promises into reality is a terribly frustrating, time-consuming and complicated business.
Nowhere has the task proved more sisyphian than with the Government's plans to sell off the British Gas corporation's 50 per cent stake in Wytch Farm, the country's largest on-shore oil field.
It is now more than two years since Mr David Howell, then Secretary of State for Energy, first announced the Government's intention to sell the asset. Two energy secretaries later, the process has still not been completed, notwithstanding the fact that the department's original deadline for completing the disposal was the end of the 1981/2 financial year (i.e. 16 and a bit months ago).
A buyer has been found in the form of the Dorset Group, a consortium of five independent British oil companies, and the terms of the sale have, after protracted negotiations, finally been approved (by the Government at least, if not by the gas corporation). But once again, the latest deadline for tying up the sale - the middle of last month - has come and gone. The betting is that it will be several weeks before the final legal and contractual issues have been settled, and Wytch Farm moves into the private sector.
It is ironic that the Government's original decision to sell the asset by auction to the oil industry, rather than issue shares to the public, was taken in the belief that it would enable the whole process to be wrapped up more quickly. This calculation has proved to be startlingly misguided.
Add to this the fact that British Gas has, by common consent, had much the better of the argument about the wisdom of selling

Phoenix trims losses

By Wayne Lintott

Phoenix Timber has announced full year pretax losses of £995,000 compared with £1.2m loss a year ago.
There is no dividend for the third consecutive year, but Mr Alexander Gourvitch, chairman, says trading is profitable now.
The new bonds, due 2013 and bearing a 12 per cent coupon, opened at 99 1/32, below the 99.357 average auction price, while the 10 1/2's of 2012 shed 1/4 to 86 1/4.
Forecasts of a rise in the weekly US M1 money supply figures of about 600m also discouraged buyers.
Other benefits seen in the present year come from discontinued trading at Dewbury and Leeds, while two businesses were sold as going concerns.
The main importing and trading areas of softwoods, sheet materials and hardwoods have been rationalized.
Mr Gourvitch is confident that the trading recovery will continue and that a satisfactory profit will be earned in the present year.
The board will recommend a dividend when trading profits permit, he says.

Big profits recovery for McLeod

By Our Financial Staff

McLeod Russell, year to 31.3.83.
Pretax profit £4.9m (1.8m).
Turnover £29.8m (£25.8m).
Net dividend 10p (7.5p).
Share price 302p up 26p Yield 3.5%.
McLeod Russell, the plantations company, yesterday announced a big recovery in profits.
At the same time the directors unveiled a new corporate strategy, the objective of which is to achieve an equal division of resources between three areas of activity - plantations, property and trading, and manufacturing.
At present the vast majority of the group's profits come from overseas plantations, leaving the company with considerable carried forward tax losses in the UK and unrelieved advance corporation tax.

Waddington attack renewed by BPCC

By Philip Robinson

Mr Robert Maxwell, chairman of British Printing and Communications Corporation, yesterday launched a fresh attack on the management record of John Waddington, for which his group is bidding £18.2m.
Waddington has rejected Mr Maxwell's takeover offer as opportunistic. The Leeds-based packaging stationery and games company says it will make profits of at least £3m in the current year and pay total dividends up from 0.5p to 1.5p.
In a letter to Waddington shareholders detailing his latest offer, Mr Maxwell says: "So far your directors have advised you not to accept our increased offer. I believe that in their management record they do not deserve your confidence."
He says he thinks a £3m profit would represent a once-for-all figure arising from cost cutting. "It is a fragile figure, for your board admits that it expects sales to be only similar to last year's."
Mr Maxwell says the forecast dividend is covered only 1.5 times on a full-taxed basis and shareholders that in the financial years 1981 to 1983 the dividend was halved and "then reduced to a derisory level".
Waddington has been fighting for its independence for the past two months since a bid was launched by Norton Opax. Earlier this week Norton sold its Waddington shares for a £250,000 profit to BPCC. This means BPCC now owns a 19 per cent stake in Waddington.
Mr Victor Watson, Waddington chairman, says BPCC is still trying to get his company on the cheap even with its increased offer.
Waddington will be writing to its shareholders again next week urging rejection of the BPCC offer, which initially closes on August 23.

USM group to clinch £3m catering deal

Brookes poised for Piccadilly

By Jeremy Warner

Kennedy Brookes, the restaurant-owning group, is poised to win the catering rights for the Trocadero development in London's Piccadilly Circus.
The project, which is expected to be confirmed shortly, will be one of the biggest ever handled by the small United Securities Market company and will require a total investment of about £3m.
It is unclear how much of this will be financed directly by the company.
Up to 20 separate "theme" bars and catering units are due to be installed in the 2-acre site.
Two weeks ago, the group opened a £900,000 London version of Maxim's, the world famous restaurant. Chairman Mr Michael Golder says that the restaurant's banqueting bookings for the autumn and

business and the addition of the Genevieve chain of restaurants.
The Mario Franco restaurant chain, which was losing money heavily when the group bought it 18 months ago for £1.25m, is now trading profitably and is to expand the number of outlets.
Genevieve Restaurants is said to be performing well and the group believes that its profit will improve when it completes refurbishment within six months.
In the past few months the group has been reorganized into separate divisions to increase the independence of the restaurants.
Mr Golder says, "It is important to keep the personal touch in this business so you can give the restaurants the better."

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FINANCIAL		12mths	36mths	GROWTH		12mths	36mths	INCOME		12mths	36mths	EQUITIES		12mths	36mths	BONDS		12mths	36mths	MISCELLANEOUS		12mths	36mths
Nat West Fin	164.2	191.0	M&G G&F Int Inc	116.0	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
J Finlay Inv Trst	163.9	195.0	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
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Practical	159.4	187.4	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Kleinwort Ben Fts	154.6	191.9	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Brit Fin Secs	154.2	177.7	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Brit Inv Trst	153.9	169.2	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
M&G Fd Inv Trst	153.0	186.3	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Abbey Inv Trst	151.9	182.6	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Target Inv Trst	149.4	199.3	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
S&P Fin Secs	147.9	181.8	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
S&P Scobius	146.6	158.9	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Target Fin	143.6	163.8	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Henderson	142.9	148.2	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
S&P Int Bond	137.2	166.6	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Key Fixed Int	137.0	151.7	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Barclays Int	137.0	151.7	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Tyndall Fnd & Prp	136.9	136.4	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Hill Sam Fin	135.5	149.1	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Brown Ship Fin	134.1	141.3	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Target Pref Sh	131.8	153.2	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Tyndall Pref	131.2	149.0	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Legal & Gen G	128.8	159.9	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Arbutnot Cap Gr	126.1	159.9	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
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Abbey World Bd	123.6	154.9	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
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Alld Ham G Gth	122.1	135.3	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
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Fidelity G & F In	118.6	138.9	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Arbutnot Fin & P	118.6	138.9	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Mercury Gilt	118.4	138.9	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Britannia Pref Sh	118.0	122.2	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Barrington Gt Yld	118.0	122.2	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
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Target Gilt Capital	117.4	137.6	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Hill Sam G&F Gth	117.4	137.6	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Nelstar G&F Int	117.3	137.6	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Manulife G&F Int	117.3	137.6	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Henderson Gt Int	116.9	136.9	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Britannia Gilt	116.5	136.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Alld Hbro Gvt Sec	116.3	145.1	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Caver Allen Gilt	116.1	142.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths
Rowan High Int	116.0	142.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	Target Gilt Inc	113.5	113.5	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths	12mths	36mths

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FAMILY MONEY edited by Lorna Bourke

Varsity premiums

Investing
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Australia

It was stock markets on the other side of the world which put up the best performance last month. The Australian Metals & Minerals index ended July 11.3 per cent higher, slightly ahead of the rise recorded by the All Ordinary Index. Reflecting this jump, all but one of the industry's unit trusts specialising in Australia scored an average price gain of 10 per cent or more.

Leading the contingent was Lawson Australian and Pacific with a rise of 18.3 per cent, some 2 per cent ahead of Garimore Australian, which had previously been one of the back markers in this year's overall league table.

Much of the recent rise in Australian share prices has been attributed to renewed overseas interest in the stock market there. Investors are anticipating that the world economic recovery will mean increased demand for the country's natural resources. Another positive factor has been the Australian Bureau of Agriculture's forecast of a major recovery in the rural sector, which has suffered badly from recent droughts.

Still outperforming the Australian metals and minerals sector is the prospect of the new Labour Government's proposed resources tax.

Buckmaster & Moore, stockbrokers, have warned their private clients against underestimating what the administration may have in mind. "While the Labour Government of Mr Hawke is demonstrating a much more pragmatic approach to business than was the case in Gough Whitlam's day, the administration, mindful of the yawning budget deficit, will want to exact its pound of flesh. Gold mining companies, which in the past have escaped the tax net, could prove quite hard hit."

Another market to put up a strong performance last month was Hong Kong's. The Hang Seng index notched up an 11.2 per cent gain on bullish expectations of the outcome of the recent talks between the British and Chinese governments on the political future of the colony. A cut in local interest rates also helped sentiment. Britannia Hong Kong Performance mirrored this renewed optimism with an 11.6 per cent offer price rise, and Garimore Hong Kong was 11 per cent higher.

Closer to home, Wall Street recorded a new peak last month. Although Wall Street did not hold its best levels, several US invested funds managed some useful gains helped by the continuing strong performance of the dollar. Tyndall North American outpaced its rivals in July with a 9.9 per cent increase.

Present value of £100 invested over 7 months to August 1

1. Oppenheimer Intl Growth	170.0
2. GT European	167.3
3. Mercury American Grth	162.6
4. FFI & Target Small Cos	157.3
5. Henderson European	154.8
6. Abbey Japan	154.0
7. Aitken Hume Engrg & Res	153.0
8. New Court America	151.5
9. Target Energy	150.8
10. Target US Special Bond	149.8

Source: Planned Savings Magazine

Higher threshold

The minimum balance for new investments in Leamington Spa's Lion Share account has been increased from £500 to £1,000. Interest is paid annually at a variable rate of 8.75 per cent net, equivalent to 12.5 per cent gross for basic rate taxpayers. Withdrawal is subject to 30 days' written notice without penalty or is available on request with 30 days' loss of interest.

Aiming for youth

In an attempt to woo young savers, Barclays Bank has launched a Super Savers account. When savers open an account with £1 they receive a money manager pack containing membership card, pens, note-pad, ruler, record book, savings book and a leaflet explaining how to make the most of savings.

The savers also receive a colour magazine three times a year with competitions and special offers. But the interest rate, however, is the normal bank deposit rate of 6 per cent—ordinary share accounts with any building society offer 7.25 per cent, and extra interest accounts, 8.25 per cent.

High interest share

Argyle Building Society has issued a new high interest income share offering 1.5 per cent above the society's normal investment share rate. At present this amounts to 9.1 per cent per annum.

equivalent to 13 per cent gross for a basic rate taxpayer and is paid on the last working day of each month direct into the investor's bank account. Minimum withdrawals of £500 can be made with no loss of interest subject to 60 days' notice. The minimum investment is £5,000 and the maximum £50,000 or £50,000 for joint holdings.

Claim form change

Guardian Royal Exchange has revised its motor claims form to cater for policyholders who wish to report an accident for information only. The new form includes notes in red to help the policyholder, and GRE points out that the completion of the claim form, for information only, does not affect your no-claims bonus.

The changes have been made as a result of representations made by The Insurance Ombudsman, who has been faced with an increasing number of complaints about insurers settling third party claims without consulting the policyholders. This results in a reduction of no-claims bonus.

Jobs abroad guide

With work difficult to find, more and more people seem to be looking overseas if the number of guides on the subject is any indication. Yet another booklet on the problems of working abroad comes from the Institute of Chartered Accountants.

Employment Abroad—A Guide to the Tax Problems is a general guide to the tax difficulties which are likely to be faced by a British executive embarking on a tour of duty in a foreign country.

Among the topics covered are: settling up at home, becoming a non-resident, British tax liability and double taxation, planning for the family and returning home.

The booklet, written by Mr David Ross, is available from the Publications Department, The Institute of Chartered Accountants in England and Wales, PO Box 433, Chartered Accountants' Hall, Moorgate Place, London EC2P 2BJ. It costs £2.50.

Signal action

Mr John Potter, coordinator of the Signal Life Investors Action Group which represents the interests of those unfortunate investors who lost money in the collapse of Signal Life, has been talking to Mr Alex Fletcher, Minister of State for Consumer Affairs.

"The Minister was very concerned about the Signal affair and is encouraging us to proceed with our test cases against the intermediaries who sold these bonds", Mr Potter said.

Next landmark in the Signal affair is the meeting of the Committee of Inspection on Thursday at the offices of the liquidator, Mr Gerry Weiss, of Cork Gully. Mr Potter will be representing the interests of investors at the meeting.



Car repair cover

Car repair bills can be a headache—particularly since they tend to be unexpected and unbudgeted for.

The Automobile Association has an interesting new insurance package which gives cover for replacement parts costing more than £75.

Available only to drivers who insure with the AA, Autoparts Plan will cover unexpected repairs to engine, gearbox, suspension, brakes or steering. Planned

expenses such as routine servicing and replacement of tyres, brake pads and exhaust systems are not covered. Cars eligible are those up to four years old with up to 50,000 miles on the clock. Cover costs £45 a year for vehicles up to 1750cc, and £75 a year for larger capacity cars. Up to 30,000 miles the policy pays 100 per cent of the total bill, between 30,000 and 50,000 miles 80 per cent.

Crown Life bond

There is a lot to be said for certainty, and guaranteed income bonds offer a fixed income over a given period. Latest available from Crown Life is a four-year bond paying 8.75 per cent net of basic rate tax. Minimum investment is £1,000 and capital is returnable in full at the end of the four-year term. There are no age restrictions.

Wealth warning

Sunderland and Shields Building Society is offering 1.75 per cent above the ordinary share rate on its new two-year term shares available from September 1. At current interest rates, this amounts to 9 per cent net, equivalent to 12.88 per cent gross for basic rate taxpayers. But be warned, if you want to get your money out, you will have to give three months' notice and lose three months' interest.

Gift ceiling

Androse to encourage small savers to invest in gifts, National Savings has increased the maximum daily purchase of gifts listed on the National Savings Stock Register. From September 1, anyone buying stock on the National Savings Stock Register will be able to invest up to £10,000 in any particular stock on any day. The existing limit is £5,000.

Cheltenham success

Cheltenham & Gloucester Building Society has had such a good response to its Cheltenham Gold Account, paying 8.25 per cent, no strings attached for investments of £1,000 or more, that it has been able to carry on lending—not only to existing members but also to non-members.

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All three policies cover loss by fire and theft and there is no need for the thief to have made a forcible entry—(common requirement on general house-

hold policies). There is also no exclusion for "multiple occupancy tenancies". A lot of students have been caught out in the past with general household policies which do not

	Endsleigh	Harrison Beaumont	Barclays
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Personal accident	£5,000	£1,500	£1,000
Damage to college/landlord's property	£1,000	optional extra	£1,000
Excess	£10	£20 GLC area, £10 elsewhere	£20 GLC area, £10 elsewhere
Bicycle	Not covered	Not covered	Not covered
PREMIUM	£12.50 to £20	£17	£25.50

*Endsleigh: limit £200 unless specified. Harrison Beaumont: items between £100 and £300 must be specified.

Poor deal for youngsters

Midland Bank is the latest to bring out a children's savings scheme—but like Barclays' plan, launched this week, the rate of interest is unattractive.

Both are paying the normal deposit rate of only 6 per cent so children will do better to put their money in a building society paying as much as 9 per

cent for regular savings. Midland is offering £1 tokens to young savers who purchase a Back-to-School Helix set from Boots, W H Smith, Asda and other stores. If these are used to open an account with Midland, and matched with a cash deposit, the bank will honour the tokens up to the value of £5.

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Reggae to prove a holiday hit

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent

Willie Carson can win the Coral Bookmakers Handicap at Haydock Park today on Reggae before starting his eight-day suspension on Monday.

This was one of the numerous races that flying filly Soba took in her stride last year. Although not nearly such a prolific winner, Reggae is as much improved sprinter and capable of scoring again from his present mark in the handicap.

Even before Reggae finished fifth behind Soba in the King George Stakes at Goodwood last week, beaten little more than four lengths, there was a reliable thread of goodness running through his form. For instance, at Ascot in June he sent Sharpish and Autumn Sunset in that tight finish to the James Lane Handicap, and as events were to show, both Sharpish and Autumn Sunset upheld that form by winning at the big Goodwood meeting, Sharpish by beating Django and Dejah, who had finished second and third in their previous race at Newmarket, to Reggae.

On a line through Autumn Sunset, the Stewards Cup fourth Met's Choice, is surely the one that Carson and Reggae should fear the most.

Carson will also be fancying his chances of winning the Dominion Insurance Anniversary Stakes on Speedwell, a well bred newcomer from Dick Hern's stable, who is said to be well named. By all accounts she has inherited plenty of speed from her dam, the Town Crier mare Bluebell.

In this instance, I prefer On Oath, a colt by Monsanto out of that exceptionally fast filly Cry Of Truth, who was able enough to win the Cheveley Park Stakes.

On Oath performed with

promise when he finished third in his first race at Doncaster, especially when one appreciated that Quick Work and Millibow, the two who beat him that day, have not been beaten since.

On Oath is trained by Bruce Hobbs, whose stable is beginning to find its rhythm again after a period spent in the doldrums. Twelve months ago Hobbs and his stable jockey, Geoff Baxter, won the South Coast Stakes at Lingfield with Amyndas. Now they have a good chance of doing so again, this time with last year's St Leger runner-up Zilos, who was far from disgraced in the Jockey Club Stakes, his only race this season. Even Sabre Dance, at his best, could not be up to giving Zilos a run.

Prince of Princes (7.50) and Little Mercy (8.20) are other likely winners at Lingfield. "You can tip her to win her next race too: she's in tremendous form at the moment." Those were John Winter's words after Little Mercy had won at 7-1 at Newmarket eight days ago. So ignore her in the Holiday Handicap at your peril.

As for Prince of Princes, he ran really well behind Morgan's Choice at Ascot recently and Morgan's Choice promptly went on to take the Goodwood Stakes the following week.

What with the King Stakes, the London-Wellington Handicap, the Tauranga Handicap and the Air New Zealand Handicap, there will definitely be a scent from the southern hemisphere in the air at Newmarket this afternoon. The last-named is the most valuable race there as it may go to Thorndown, who beat Wiveton at Sandown last month.

Having finished fourth in the Scottish Derby, Balladier rep-



Geoff Baxter rides Zilos

resents the current classic crop but he will be meeting Thorndown on nearly a stone more terms than he would if this were a weight for age handicap and that could prove too much.

At his best, Ribicetto looks the most leniently-treated runner in the field, bearing in mind that he did win the Derby Trial at Lingfield two years ago. But a lot of water has passed under the bridge in the meantime and in this instance not only Thorndown but also Balladier, Regal Steel and Jupiter Island have better form to their name.

Jupiter Island has been the

subject of a gamble to win the Ebor Handicap at York later this month. He will incur a 7lb penalty if he wins now.

Our Newmarket Correspondent said yesterday that the indifferent effort in the race won by Keen at Ascot on Diamond Day as being a correct picture of his ability. All the more so as he carried the full weight of his stable's confidence that day and started favourite. So it seems only fair to give him the benefit of the doubt in the Kiwi Stakes.

Having finished second to Chapel Cottage in the Cherry Himon Stakes on the course at the July meeting, albeit four lengths adrift, Nophe will have a host of followers in the Sweet Solera Stakes. Yet I wonder whether she will manage to give 8lb to the very easy Salisbury winner Triagonal, who will be meeting Out Of Shot on much more favourable terms than when they clashed at Sandown, where Out Of Shot won by two lengths.

At Redcar Edward Hide, should enjoy a field day thanks to Teleprompter (2.45), Sea Charm (3.45) and Remembering (4.15).

Gala Event can shine

Colts usually dominate group races but one noteworthy exception is the Group 1 Hales 5f sponsored Phoenix Stakes, for over the past 17 years only three colts have been successful as compared to 14 fillies. Our Irish Racing Correspondent writes:

One change that may see the balance of power altered is the extension of the distance from five to six furlongs, but against that a surprise decision to include a second in the Coventry Stakes at Royal Ascot has weakened the colts' team.

The half dozen colts in today's

Carson loses appeal

The jockey Willie Carson lost his appeal against an eight-day suspension for careless riding given by the Goodwood Stewards on Saturday.

The disciplinary committee of the Jockey Club yesterday dismissed his appeal and ordered his deposit of £130 to be forfeited. The case came after his mount, Air Distingue, was found to have interfered with Goggo Lady in the Nassau Stakes. After the 90 minute hearing, Carson said: "I am very disappointed. I didn't expect them to suggest this was a frivolous appeal. It is a very severe sentence for hitting a horse once. The stewards said the horse showed signs of anger to the right before I hit him. That is why I have been done for careless riding."

"We produced veterinary evidence that she couldn't trot the next day. She was very lame behind, and has pulled muscles in her loin. That is why she hung. She didn't show true form," Carson said.

The committee, chaired by Major General Sir John D'Ayvidon-Goldsmith, with Vesty and Mr Brooke Holiday, heard evidence from Carson, who was legally represented, the Goodwood Stewards, Julia Barry, the steward's secretary, and Steve Canthen, rider of Goggo Lady.

They watched a video recording of the race and also saw a film of the Prix de Diane in France when Air Distingue was his on the left hand side but did not swerve. They found that Carson had been guilty of careless riding after hitting the filly once on the left hand side.

Ma Biche to thwart the British raiders

By Desmond Statham, French Racing Correspondent

English and Irish trained horses are conducting a major raid at Deauville this weekend and the visitors should come away with some of the valuable prize money. In this afternoon's Group II Prix d'Asie, to be run over one mile, Ian Balding saddles both Mighty Fly and Flamenco and the English team is made up with Octavia Girl and Nibabu. But, the French are strong in this event and are led by the 1,000 Guineas winner Ma Biche, a top class Etoile, Verrin and Rudolpha.

Ma Biche has not run since beating Royal Heroine and Favorite in the 1,000 Guineas at Newmarket last April. Head of the field in top condition and just in need of a little competition to sharpen her up for the Prix Jacques le Marois on August 14, The Daughter of Key to the Kingdom must carry a Group One penalty in the race and will, therefore, be given a 5lb weight. That her rivals including a trio of four-year-olds.

Mysterieuse Etoile began her season well enough by taking the Prix de la Grande and then running second to Air Distingue in the Poule d'Essai des Pouliches (French 1,000 Guineas). The tiny daughter of Northern Dancer subsequently ran well below form in both the Prix Saint-Alary and Prix de Diane. However, she was found to be ill after both those Group One events. She is now back to full strength and will no doubt appreciate the probable fast ground and the shorter distance of the d'Asie.

The best of the English should be Flamenco who was beaten two lengths by Royal Heroine (received 20lb) in the Child Stakes. Flamenco will be receiving 4lb from Ma Biche and on a strict form line through Royal Heroine should be very close to the crack French filly, Mighty Fly.

Ma Biche has been beaten by her to her credit this season in the William Hill Lincoln, Whitcup Cup and the Royal Hunt Cup. I expect that the finish of this race to be a close one between Ma Biche, Mysterieuse Etoile, Flamenco and Rudolpha and I believe the

A Swiss champion roll-call

From Jenny MacArthur, Dublin

The Swiss continued their domination of European show jumping when they won the Aga Khan Trophy, Ireland's Nations Cup, at the Dublin Horse Show yesterday. Ireland finished a close second with the Germans third. Britain, last year's winners, suffered the indignity of finishing last of the five nations.

The winners, leading the four riders who won the team gold medal in last week's European Nations Cup, are now at the head of the league for the President's Cup, for which the next Nations' Cup results count. Britain are in second place, a point behind. It is only the fourth time the Swiss have won the Aga Khan Trophy, the last occasion being in 1930, when they were allowed to keep the Cup.

Yesterday's course was comparatively easy for a Nations' Cup event. David Broome said it was the smallest he had ever seen - admitting he did not actually have to jump it. The British might have fared better if it was bigger. At it was, Harvey Smith on Simon Olympic Video had the only clear first round, but his partner, Amanda and his brother John on Ryan's Son both had one fence down and Pam Dunning, whose handbag was stolen on Friday, had two over fences and a disastrous first round on Fearless, finishing on 17 faults. No one else had more than one fence down in the first round, although the tight 100 (200m) caused many time faults.

At the end of the round the Swiss were ahead, with no faults, followed by Ireland on a quarter of a fault, with Italy, the rank outsiders, four faults and their partners, four faults and Britain were last on eight. Three fences were raised two inches for the second round - a new FEI rule now allows this. Britain were ahead, with no faults, followed by Ireland on a quarter of a fault, with Italy, the rank outsiders, four faults and their partners, four faults and Britain were last on eight.

It soon developed into a fairly even contest between the Irish, winners of a large and victorious Nations Cup, and the Swiss. Both teams had two clear rounds from the first three riders so it all hinged on the fourth to go for Ireland, Eddie Macken on Carrolls Royal Lion, who had been responsible for Ireland's crucial quarter fault in the first round.

With the crowd jumping away, fence with them, the pressure was intense, and they hit the second part of the double. These four faults meant that the Swiss did not need a score from the last rider, Thomas Fuchs on Willora, Carrolls who chose not to go. Britain's last rider, John Whitaker also withdrew because by that stage it was impossible for the British to pull themselves up from last place.

RESULTS: Nations' Cup Aga Khan Trophy 1, Switzerland (20 faults), 2, Ireland (21), 3, Germany (24), 4, Italy (25), 5, Austria (26). Great Britain (27) were last on 28 faults.

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Saturday

Television and radio programmes

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Sunday

BBC 1

- 6.25 Open University: Fountains and Grotto 6.50 History of Mathematics 7.15 Community on Protection Liverpool 7.40 Curriculum in Action 8.30 Bedford from Busset 8.30 Classroom Behaviour
- 8.55 Leon Erol in his Laws are Out 9.15 The Get Set Picture Show. Old movies, cartoons, puzzles, competitions and a quiz, presented by Mark Curry. 10.15 City News with the Sea (1953) starring Robert Ryan. A search for sunken treasures in the Caribbean. Directed by Budd Boetticher. 12.57 Weather
- 1.00 Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is: 1.05 News summary; 1.10 and 3.40 Evening from Garmouth Park; Racing from Haydock Park. The 2.00, 2.30, 3.00 and 3.30 races; the National Track Cycle Championships at 2.10, 2.40 and 3.40; Athletics: Focus on the World Championships at 3.10; Final race at 5.00
- 5.10 King Fu Caine comes between powerful railway owners and displaced farmers and proves to both camps how destructive a man's obsession to succeed can be. With David Carstairs
- 6.00 News with Jan Leeming 6.10 Sports headlines
- 6.15 The Seven Episodes ten of the series and a new episode finds the lampmaker to steal the gold shipment from an underfunded pleasure cruiser to much to resist. Starring Paul Darrow, Jacqueline Pearce and Michael Keating. (r)
- 7.05 Film: El Dorado (1986) starring John Wayne and Robert Mitchum. Cole Thornton is shocked when he rides into El Dorado to see his old friend, Sheriff Harlan in an alcoholic stupor and in the pay of a villainous cattle baron. Directed by Howard Hawks
- 9.10 The Main Attraction. Variety show featuring Roy Castle, Bernard Manning and Bonnie Langford plus The Seals Stars. A show on the tap dancing, Clark Brothers and trumpeter Kenny Baker
- 9.55 News with Jan Leeming plus sports headlines and weather
- 10.10 Kelly Monteleith. Another diversion from the American comedian who takes a look at the way side of life on this side of the Atlantic (r)
- 10.40 Night Music. The last programme in the series and Robert Frowd and children from West Heath Infant School, Hampshire, play the piano accompanied by small orchestra instead of the usual bands of synthesizers
- 11.25 The Rockford Files. James Garner stars as the off-beat private eye, this week having to help his attorney, Beth Davenport, who is the target of an assassination attempt after she defends a stock broker on a charge of tax evasion (r)
- 12.15 Weather

tv-am

- 6.25 Good Morning Britain. presented by Henry Kelly includes Operation Sky Quest in which an attempt to break the world altitude record for a manned hot air balloon is described by Michael Rodden from the launch site in Norfolk. News and weather at 7.00, 8.00 and 8.30; sport at 7.10

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- 9.25 LWT Information 9.30 Sesame Street. Learning with laughs and the Muppets 10.30 No. 73. Fun, games, home movies and a song or two
- 12.15 World of Sport introduced by Dikie Davies. The line-up is: Grand Prix Midweek Racing Car championship from 12.20; United States Swimming championships at 12.30; Rallying at 1.00; News at 1.15; The ITV Six at 1.30, 2.00 and 2.15; 2.15 and 2.45 from Redcar; Stock Car Racing at 3.20; preview of the World Athletics Championships at 3.40; and three wrestling bouts from Basildon at 4.00; results service at 5.45
- 5.05 News 5.15 The Smurfs. For toddlers
- 5.30 Happy Days. Forzie is the target for revenge over a childhood accident
- 6.00 Some You Win. An unpublished author has an extract of his play performed; one of the least lucky gamblers goes to a raffle to win a successful punter; and 1000 people go to the music. Introduced by Frank Carson
- 6.45 Chips. The motorcycle policeman encounter a group of riders intent on turning the highway into a lethal race track
- 7.45 The Ultra Quiz. Now there are 12 who are on a cruise through the Amsterdam canals. Presented by Michael Aspel with Sally James and Jonathan King
- 8.30 Saturday Royal Variety show introduced by Lionel Blair featuring 11 new acts appearing on television for the first time. There are also some mystery guests, chosen by readers of the TV Times, who will appear as Mr Blair's dancing partners
- 8.30 News
- 9.45 Film: The Great Scout and Catchooes Thursday (1978) starring Lee Marvin. Comedy western about a kidnap that goes wrong when the husband of the victim refuses to pay the ransom. Directed by Don Taylor
- 11.45 London News Headlines followed by The Tube. Among those appearing are the Jam, making their last live television appearance, Bananarama and the Rolling Stones. Presented by Paula Yates and Jackie Holland
- 12.40 Close with Stan Phillips reading from the works of Gerard Manley Hopkins



The Best of Laurel and Hardy, a compilation film on Channel 4, 2.45pm

BBC 2

- 6.25 Open University (until 3.30)
- 3.45 Film: Are You With It? (1948) starring Donald O'Connor. Musical comedy about a failed accountant who joins a song-and-dance group after he is fired from his job. Directed by Jack Hively
- 5.15 The Sky at Night. Patrick Moore discusses the latest research into questions with Dr John Beckman of Queen Mary College (shown last Sunday)
- 6.35 Film: Lady on a Train (1945) starring Deanna Durbin as Nicki, a socialite who witnesses a murder but cannot find anyone to take her seriously. Directed by Charles David
- 7.05 Barry Norman's Hong Kong Kong. A light-hearted exploration of the effects of Western influence he had on the Hong Kong Chinese
- 7.55 News with Jan Leeming plus sports headlines
- 8.10 Jorge Bolesteria. Introduced by Robin Ray. The Cuban pianist instructs German pianist Wolfgang Manz and Barry Douglas of Belfast in Rachmaninov's Piano Concerto No 3 (third movement)
- 8.55 The 20th Century Remembered. The second of four programmes in which former American Secretary of State, Dean Rusk, recalls some momentous occasions in recent political history
- 9.25 Deathwatch. Circuit Eleven Miami. The first programme examines the fight by lawyers to save the lives of two condemned men in a Florida prison
- 10.10 Billy Fields Swings. The Australian singer in concert at Blaxland, Windsor
- 10.40 Film: The Wolf Man (1941) starring Lon Chaney Jr. The son of an English quack is bitten by a werewolf and becomes one himself. Directed by George Waggoner
- 11.50 News with Jan Leeming. And weather
- 11.55 Film: Frankenstein Meets the Wolf Man (1943) starring Lon Chaney Jr. The wolf man searches for Frankenstein's diary in the hope that it will contain the cure to his affliction. Directed by Roy William-Neil. Ends at 1.10am.

CHANNEL 4

- 2.45 The Best of Laurel and Hardy. A compilation film of some of the funniest scenes from the many films of the comic couple
- 4.15 Tobi Tobi. An animated film, made in Canada.
- 4.35 Well Being. Pam Armstrong and Dr Simon Small look at practical ways of coping with the damaging aspects of stress
- 5.05 Brookside. A repeat of the week's two episodes.
- 6.00 Hot For Dogs. Terapichry with a difference plus guest group Spaniards
- 6.30 News headlines and weather followed by A Working Faith. The first of a new series which features people for whom religious belief is a way of life.
- 7.00 Take the Stage. Improvised acting competition between two teams consisting of Ian Hogg, Kate Williams, Barry Foster, Alan McManus, Tilly Tremane and Ian Hastings
- 7.30 A Cage for the Sun. A documentary about man's search for an everlasting energy source. In the Oxfordshire countryside 11 West European countries have spent £300 million on building a mini-sun to try and replace the process that powers the Sun. If the project is a success then mankind will be free from dependence on oil and coal. Narrated by Robert Powell and Shered Cusack
- 9.00 Nana. The last episode of the drama based on the novel by Emilia Zola. As she grows older Nana becomes more extravagant, bringing destruction and tragedy to those around her. Starring Veronique Genest and Guy Trépan
- 10.05 The Heart of the Matter. Part three and Scobie meets the young widow Helen Rolt, a meeting that leads to a deeper involvement. Louise returns to the novel's world where he is the victim of blackmail. Starring Jack Hedley. Adapted by Gerald Savory from the novel by Graham Greene.
- 11.10 Goli: The US PGA Championship. Steve Fider reports from the Riviera Country Club, Los Angeles, on the third round of the competition.
- 1.05 Close down.

BBC 1

- 6.25 Open University: Tolstoy's Anna Karenina. 6.50 Geology of the Red Sea. 7.15 Database: Security. 7.40 Are Four Colours Sufficient? 8.05 Plant and Animal Breeding. 8.30 Homogeneous Catalysis.
- 9.00 Camberwick Green. For the very young (r). 9.15 Knock Knock. Religious stories from around the world (r). 9.30 This is the Day. A service from the world (r). 10.00 Asda Magazine. Today and for the following five weeks Sub Ras presents popular music and dance items. Among those appearing are Yesudas and Pandit Ravi Shankar. 10.30 Close down.
- 12.55 Farming. 1.25 Better Than New. Hints on renovating old furniture from Albert Jackson and David Day (r). 1.50 News headlines.
- 1.55 Film: PT 109 (1963) starring Cliff Robertson as Lt John F. Kennedy in a drama based on the wartime experiences of President Kennedy. Directed by Leslie H. Martinson. 4.10 Alias Smith and Jones. The two reformed gunfighters are in Mexico when Kid Curry is arrested on a charge of murder. Will his side-kick be able to rescue him? Starring Paul Darrow and Ben Murphy (r). 5.00 Cartoons: Bugs Bunny in Smoochy Smoochy. 5.10 Great Expectations. Episode five of the six-part adaptation of Charles Dickens's novel (r). News with Jan Leeming.
- 6.15 Resurrection. With one child born with spinal bifida the baby Pat Sloper is expecting specially afflicted? 6.30 Songs of Praise from the harbour walls of the Cornish fishing village of Coverack
- 7.15 Film: Oliver's Story (1978) starring Ryan O'Neal. The first showing on British television of this sequel to Love Story and Oliver, still stunned by the death of his wife, finds solace in the shape of lovely Marla (Candice Bergen). Directed by John Kory.
- 8.45 The Chinese Detective. Det Sgt Ho is on the trail of art connoisseur and fence, Jack Balle who decides to work like the renowned detective Robert Tarr to sing at his daughter's birthday celebrations. Starring David Yip, George Baker and Robert Tarr (r).
- 9.35 News with Jan Leeming.
- 9.50 Potter. The middle-aged CAP and his friend the vicar receive a surprise from a man in a boat.
- 10.20 Sunday Night at the Proms. Introduced by Richard Baker. The Philharmonia Orchestra conducted by Simon Rattle, featuring the Politics of Music. Performers: Rachmaninov's Second Symphony.
- 11.20 The First World Athletics Championships. Highlights of the first day's events from the championships in Helsinki introduced by Trapper. Gonzo ignores a plea for help from a wartime buddy who once saved his life
- 11.45 Weather.

tv-am

- 7.15 Rub-a-Dub-Tub For the under eights. The guests include Robert Kee who reads Edward Ardizzone's tale of little Tim and the Brave Sea Captain (r)
- 8.15 Good Morning Britain. presented by Henry Kelly. News and weather at 8.15 and 8.22; world championship athletics with David Hemery at 8.20; review of the morning papers at 8.30; and news before the news at 8.45

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- 9.25 LWT Information. Programme news 9.30 Parents and Teenagers. A family gets together to sort out domestic problems. The last in the series (r) 10.00 Encounter. A Roman Catholic nun, Dr Mary Hall, talks about her role as executive director of the Multi-Faith Resource Unit (r) 10.30 My Faith. Peter France talks to a leading member of the Russian Orthodox Church 11.00 Link. Abortion discussed with a panel of disabled people 11.30 God's Story. The Old Testament for children 11.45 Cartoon Time
- 12.00 England, Their England. The life of Joe Goddard, squire of Newton Harcourt (r) 12.30 In Search of the Wild Asparagus Roy Lancaster visits a power station, Manchester's largest rubbish dump, a hill built on chemical waste and Highgate Cemetery 1.00 University Challenge with Bamber Gascoigne 1.30 Cartoon Time 1.45 Me and My Camera. Michael Langford discusses special effects
- 2.15 London news headlines followed by The World Athletics Championships. Live coverage of the women's marathon. Introduced by Dikie Davies 4.00 The Eagle. A new girlfriend plans to frame him for murder (r) 5.00 Sale of the Century. First of a new series 5.30 Secrets of the Coast. Su Ingle explores the beach between the dunes 5.40 Tell Me Why. A discussion on marriage, sex and divorce
- 6.30 News 6.40 The National School Choir Competition. Second semi-final
- 7.15 Magnum. Part one of Memories Are Forever in which Magnum thinks he sees his wife he thought was killed years before
- 8.15 We'll Meet Again. Billy Colvoco's guilty secret is discovered (r)
- 8.15 Now and Then. Part three of the seven episode series exploring a typical English family over two generations
- 8.45 News
- 10.00 Play: Dear Box Number, by Alan Cleeve, Julia McKenzie and Bernard Hepton star in this light comedy about two people who meet through a lonely hearts column
- 11.00 London news headlines followed by Trapper. Gonzo ignores a plea for help from a wartime buddy who once saved his life
- 12.00 Close with Stan Phillips.



Spencer Leigh (left) and David Morrissey in One Summer (Channel 4, 9.15pm)

BBC 2

- 6.25 Open University (until 1.55)
- 1.55 Sunday Grandstand introduced by Desmond Lynam. The line-up is: coverage of the three finals on the first day of the World Athletics Championships - the women's marathon, the men's shot put and the men's 200m walk. Coverage from Helsinki is interspersed with a visit to Hockenheim for the German Grand Prix and coverage of one of the day's John Player League cricket matches
- 7.05 News review of the week with Jan Leeming and subtitles
- 7.30 Diamonds in the Sky. The third in the series in which Julian Pettifer traces the story of air travel. Tonight's programme starts from 1919 when airlines pilots used railway lines as navigational aid and expected to make false landings. Later, luxury took over from spartan wood and fabric bi-planes in the shape of the Empire flying-boats. As the race to attract passengers heated up, air hostesses began to dispense alcohol to prohibition-hit Americans (r)
- 8.20 News with Jan Leeming
- 8.30 Writers and Places. William Robertson Davies returns to his native city of Kingston at the mouth of the St Lawrence Seaway, which was also the setting for his best-known trilogy, The Saltation Novels a cynical view of university life in the 1950s, the characters of which are still to be seen roaming the Kingston streets
- 9.00 Romy Music. The popular band in concert with the voice of Bryan Ferry (r)
- 9.50 Grand Prix. Highlights from this afternoon's German Grand Prix. The commentators at Hockenheim are Murray Walker and James Hunt.
- 10.20 Film: The Comedians (1967) starring Elizabeth Taylor and Richard Burdett. A glossy adaptation of Graham Greene's novel set in Papa Doc's Haiti involving a not very lovable set of eccentrics who get mixed up with the notorious Tonton Macoute. A strong supporting cast includes Alec Guinness, Peter Ustinov and Lillian Gish. Produced and directed by Peter Glenville. Ends at 12.45

CHANNEL 4

- 2.30 Film: The Painted Veil (1934) starring Greta Garbo and Herbert Marshall. A doctor's wife, tired of her husband's dedication to his profession, finds solace elsewhere. Directed by Richard Boleslawski
- 4.00 Irish Gaelic Special. Surgeon John Robb, sickened with the violence in the province, explains why he became a political activist
- 4.30 Birds of Britain examines the birds that use domestic gardens. The narrator is Eric Thompson
- 5.00 News headlines and weather followed by The Bottom Line. Khalid Aziz reports on the ship design, made by an independent team, claimed to be better than the Admiralty's idea of the combat ships of the future.
- 5.30 Old Country. Jack Hargreaves explores Hardy country.
- 6.00 Look Forward. The week's programmes previewed.
- 6.15 International Bowls. A semi-final of the Mazda Masters in Melbourne. Northern Ireland's David Corfield meets the holder, Peter Bellis of New Zealand.
- 7.15 Song by Song by Johnny Mercer. Ned Sherrin introduces the lyrics of Mr Mercer and the music of, among others, Jerome Kern.
- 8.15 Bubble, Parson. Presented by Peter Purves in which the conartists try to fathom out words described to them by a celebrity panel which includes Willie Rushton, Bill Oddie and Suzanne Danielle
- 8.45 A Fine Romance. Laura is concerned when she sees Mike worried about the finances of Selway Landscape Gardening and decides to help. Starring Judi Dench, Michael Williams and Susan Penhaligon.
- 9.15 One Summer. The first of a five-part serial about two young Liverpool boys discovering the delights of Wales one summer after a spring of discontent.
- 10.15 Golf: the US PGA Championship. The final round of the Buick Invitational. Reporting from the Riviera Country Club, Los Angeles, is Steve Rider. Closedown is approximately 12.00.

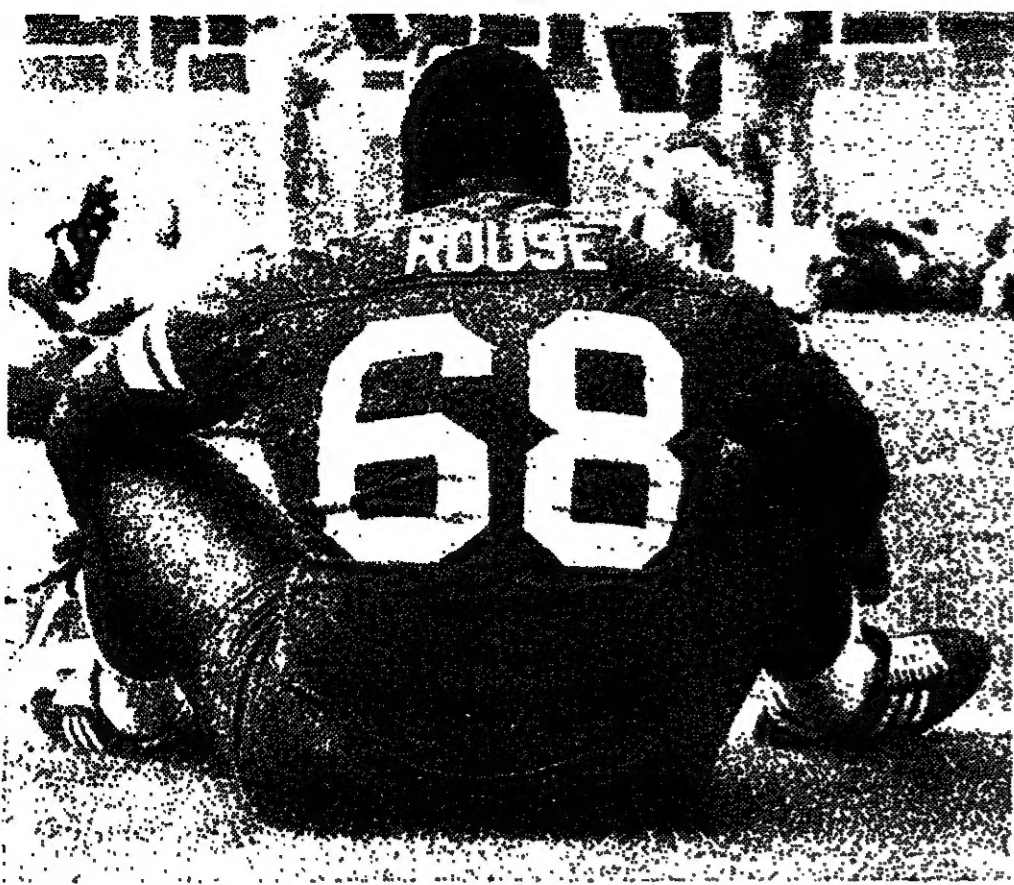
Radio 4

- 6.25 Shipping Forecast.
- 6.30 News. Morning News Today.
- 6.50 In Perspective. Religious affairs. 6.55 Weather. Travel. Programme news.
- 7.00 News. 7.10 Today's Papers.
- 7.15 On Your Farm.
- 7.45 In Perspective. 7.55 Weather. 7.55 Travel. Programme news.
- 8.00 News. 8.10 Today's Papers.
- 8.15 Sport on 4.
- 8.45 Good Morning. Holiday information, including 8.57 Weather. Travel. 8.58 News.
- 9.58 News Stand. Review of weekly magazine.
- 10.05 Talking Politics.
- 10.30 Daily Service.
- 10.45 Pick Of The Week. Programme highlights.
- 11.35 From Our Own Correspondent. News. A Small Country Living. Magazine for people in the country.
- 12.27 Quiz. 'Unquetter'. 12.58 Weather. Programme News.
- 1.00 News.
- 1.10 Tales From The South China Seas. Second of six programmes on the lives of the British in South East Asia in the days of the Empire. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
- 2.00 News. Thelma Houston. Theatre. Crowned Jump by Charles Ryder.
- 2.35 Medicine Now. Report on the health of medical care.
- 3.00 Women Of Mystery. Jessica Mann investigates The Lady Arden.
- 4.00 News. International Assignment - BBC correspondents on a contemporary issue.
- 4.30 Does He Take Sugar? Magazine for Disabled Listeners.
- 5.00 Enterprise. People who have achieved success against the odds.
- 5.25 Whizzcoaster. A week with the National Radio Orchestra. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather. Travel.
- 6.00 News. Sports Round-Up.
- 6.25 Desert Island Discs. 6.50 Fredrick Gibberd.
- 7.25 In The Psychiatrist's Chair. Actress, Sarah Miles.
- 8.00 Richard Baker. With music on record.
- 8.30 Sunday-night Theatre. Modern Main Course by Peter Tinnem.

Radio 3

- 6.25 An Enchantment Of Roses. Kenneth Matthews finds roses in other places than his garden. 8.38 Weather.
- 10.00 News.
- 10.15 The Great Northern Expedition. An account of Vito Berlinghieri's expedition across Siberia 200 years ago, surveying the arctic coast.
- 11.00 Soundings. Religious commentary - Henry and Rosemary. Rosemary Harthill examines the background to the rise of the fundamentalist movement of the Rev Ian Paisley in Ulster.
- 11.30 Sonnets From Village Life. Poetry and song.
- 12.00 News.
- 12.15 Close. Shipping Forecast. English VHF as above except 6.25.
- Weather. Travel. 1.55-2.00 Programme News. 5.50-5.55 Programme News.
- 7.55 Weather. 8.00 News.
- 8.05 Autograph. Broadcast (orchestrated by Dvorak), Greg. Groff.
- 8.20 News.
- 8.30 Stereo. New records. Music by Pachelbel, Leopold Kozelub, Schubert.
- 10.40 The 11th Hour. Music by Trevor Pinnock. Includes the Paritta No 6 in E Minor (BWV 930)
- 11.25 Boston Season. The Boston Symphony Orchestra. Part One. Mozart's Requiem. Part Two. Mozart's Requiem. Part Three. Mozart's Requiem. Part Four. Mozart's Requiem. Part Five. Mozart's Requiem. Part Six. Mozart's Requiem. Part Seven. Mozart's Requiem. Part Eight. Mozart's Requiem. Part Nine. Mozart's Requiem. Part Ten. Mozart's Requiem. Part Eleven. Mozart's Requiem. Part Twelve. Mozart's Requiem. Part Thirteen. Mozart's Requiem. Part Fourteen. Mozart's Requiem. Part Fifteen. Mozart's Requiem. Part Sixteen. Mozart's Requiem. Part Seventeen. Mozart's Requiem. Part Eighteen. Mozart's Requiem. Part Nineteen. Mozart's Requiem. Part Twenty. Mozart's Requiem. Part Twenty-One. Mozart's Requiem. Part Twenty-Two. Mozart's Requiem. Part Twenty-Three. Mozart's Requiem. Part Twenty-Four. Mozart's Requiem. Part Twenty-Five. Mozart's Requiem. Part Twenty-Six. Mozart's Requiem. Part Twenty-Seven. Mozart's Requiem. Part Twenty-Eight. Mozart's Requiem. Part Twenty-Nine. Mozart's Requiem. 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Gridiron giants come to Wembley superbowl



It's the big one... big enough to give even Curtis "Bon Bon" Rouse, left, food for a moment's thought. Bon Bon (6ft 3in and 300lb) and his Minnesota Vikings colleagues take on the ecclesiastical might of the St Louis Cardinals at Wembley Stadium this evening after practising a few set plays in the temple of Association Football yesterday. It will be Britain's first big gridiron game. Preview, page 15

Seven die in hotel massacre

From Roger Beardwood, Paris

Two gangsters yesterday shot dead seven hostages after failing to break open the safe and safety deposit boxes at a luxury hotel in Avignon, southern France. The dead, three of them women, included the French Consul General in Saarbrücken, West Germany.

Police alerted by a telephone call from an hotel guest arrived as the gangsters jumped from a second floor window on to the bonnet of a parked car. One escaped, leaving a trail of blood. The other, named as Jean Roussel, aged 38, surrendered after a struggle.

The hold-up - the sixth in a series of French hotels that started on July 18 - was one of the bloodiest in recent French history. "It was real carnage", said M Michel Baud, manager of the 86-room Sofitel Pont d'Avignon.

Police have started to reconstruct the hostages' last hour of life. At about 3.30am two men walked into the lobby of the hotel near the city centre and took the receptionist, Nicole van Buren, aged 23, and a porter, René Pool, aged 28, into the ground-floor office.

After failing to open safety deposit boxes the men took their hostages into the lobby. There they met the hotel pianist, M Arogian, aged 31, and his fiancée Agnes Bois, aged 31, and chased or followed them up the stairs to the second floor.

There they took hostage the French Consul General, M Lucien André, aged 53, his friend Genevieve Dupont, aged 41, and a hotel barman, Pierre Anselmi, aged 55. They herded them into two separate rooms and shot all seven before trying

to escape. They were armed with a Magnum 357 pistol and a sawn-off shotgun.

Police said Roussel was on leave from jail to visit his mother, who is seriously ill. He is serving 10 years for armed robbery.

First reports said the gangsters had shot their hostages in panic, but police chief Yves Berrand said the killings appeared to have been a cold-blooded elimination of eye witnesses.

In Paris yesterday two armed men held up a pizza parlour on the Champs Elysees, getting away with 30,000 francs in cash. Police are to provide extra protection for hotels of top and middle grade.

Meanwhile, two young French tourists, sleeping in their car near Perpignan, were robbed of 800 francs

Zimbabwe restores censorship

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"Western press has its knife in Zimbabwe", was dattelined London and contained a number of errors and omissions.

The regulations amount to serious restriction on press freedom.

● **GABORONE:** Botswana will not adhere to a ban on South African-based foreign correspondents decided last weekend by the six frontline states, a Government spokesman said yesterday (AFP reports).

Mr Festus Mogae, Permanent Secretary for the Office of the President, said the ban decided by Zambia, Mozambique, Angola, Tanzania and Botswana had taken the form of a recommendation.

Sri Lanka MPs vote to ban separatist parties

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that the Tamil United Liberation Front or any other party with similar objects will no longer exist in our land".

Mr Lalith Athulathudurai, Minister of Trade, said Tamils should now join non-Tamil organizations. "I have been lobbying the leading men of the Tamil community, urging them to join the major political parties, support them, take part in them".

The anti-Tamil majority included not only the government party, the United National Party, but also their chief rivals, the Sri Lanka Freedom Party of the former prime minister, Mrs Sirimavo Bandaranaike.

Of the two one-man parties in the House, the People's United Front supported the Government, and the Communist Party member said he supported the amendment but absented himself from the House in protest at the prescription of his party.

Elsewhere in the shattered country people are starting to try to rebuild their lives after the communal violence.

Seven thousand refugees have arrived in the north by sea and the operation is continuing. More than 10,000 refugees are expected to have been relocated by the weekend, and plans are being made for transporting 30,000 people displaced by the riots.

The first aircraft bringing medical aid from India arrived in Sri Lanka yesterday and a shipload of food and medicine from India is on its way.

Terrorists hunted, page 4

Letter from Budapest

Blowing the whistle on a football scandal

The heat which weighs on the limbs as heavily as gabardine has almost smothered the life of Budapest. But there is still enough righteous zeal for citizens to sit in cafes and buses and argue the pros and cons of a bizarre football corruption scandal smacking of high finance, low deals and professional foul.

This week 43 members and beneficiaries of a crime syndicate went on trial in Szekesfehervar in southern Hungary. Next week dozens more will face a court in Budapest for membership of another syndicate accused of rigging the country's football pools.

This is one of the biggest corruption rackets to be exposed in Eastern Europe: well over 200 people are involved, including 196 football players, a number of allegedly best referees, team managers and coaches as well as ex-players, car dealers and pillars of Hungarian mercantile respectability.

Hungary is football mad, but unfortunately not football talented. In the summer months there are 300 first division matches but the Toto - the pools system - has to be kept alive to feed the national hunger for soccer and gambling. So the focus shifts to small local teams of indifferent quality.

Six million pools coupons a week are filled out by the Hungarians at five forints a sheet - which means 30 million forints (about £500,000) come out of the pockets of matches that would not look out of place on a British village common.

Last summer two crime syndicates, one based in Budapest, decided to exploit the situation. Obtaining advance copies of match fixtures each syndicate - run by an illegal brains trust - would sit down and decide which matches to buy.

In an average week the syndicates would buy 10 matches out of 40 but swayed the outcome of another three. That was sufficient to make a killing - after a couple of months of match-rigging - equivalent to £1.7m.

Syndicate members would travel to the chosen regions and bribe people to throw the match. In some towns it was sufficient to bribe the goalkeeper, in others three or four players. Usually the referee had to be bribed as well.

A typically Hungarian complication was that the two syndicates were not in collusion. So some teams found themselves bribed twice over. Fans can remember ludicrous scenes with players throwing themselves down in agony as soon as they had an opportunity to score, or referees declaring an offside violation if a goal was accidentally scored.

The affair came to light when Toto officials - who were not in on the deal - spotted unusual combinations of winning entries.

Not surprisingly, the six million orthodox pools gamblers felt cheated and the talk has still not died down.

Two enterprising Hungarian journalists, András Lakatos and Zsuzsa Lang, wrote and published a book within two months of the scandal, this in a country with no record of fast book production. The book sold 150,000 copies in a week.

The book, based on some of the main defendants facing trial, lists exactly what bribes were paid to what teams. About half a million forints in bribes was invested by the two syndicates.

Although the public - or at least the male half - since women seem to regard it as the inevitable outcome of an irrational passion - is incensed, fellow footballers take a more lenient view of their colleagues' conduct. Footballers are paid too little, they say; of course corruption is inevitable. The nation's top footballers have stayed relatively immune from the scandal, but the Football Federation clearly suspects that not everything is as clean as it might be, even in the towering heights of the game.

Roger Boyes

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

New exhibitions
Somerset Guild of Craftsmen 50th Anniversary Summer Exhibition, Taunton Technical College, Wellington Road, Taunton; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (from today until Aug 20).
Bricks for Building: the history of

construction since 3,000 BC, City Museum and Art Gallery, Priestgate, Peterborough; Tues to Sat 10 to 5, closed Mon and Sun; (from today until Sept 3).
Rodin and His Contemporaries: City Museum and Art Gallery, Museum Road, Portsmouth; Mon to Sun 10.30 to 5.30; (from today until Oct 2).

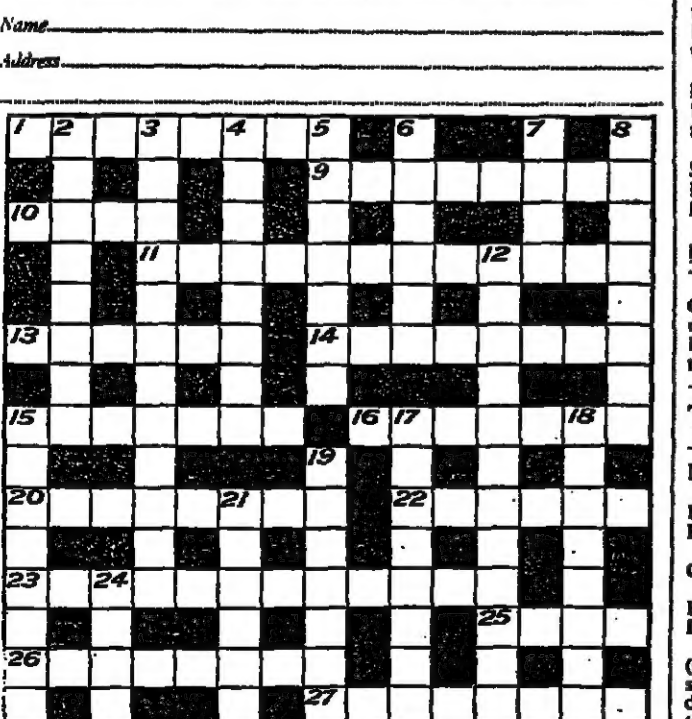
Solution of Puzzle No 16,195

DOWN
1. Take off quickly for the motor-bike race (8).
2. Sort of sticks you start to use, maybe, to put this down (4-4).
3. A starting order for call-over (12).
4. Castle provides cover for a Scottish soldier (8).
5. One so deep in trouble becomes part of the serial (17).
6. So spirited a harpist? (6).
7. Pop over the channel - for fruit, say? (5-5).
8. Swaggery, having boisterous air (8).
9. European, but not one of the lower German provinces (12).
10. Lazy sort of pest all over the garden (8).
11. Bribed to accept wood for this form of heating? (3-5).
12. Trailled around to spread it out (8).
13. Vanbrugh's fall back? (7).
14. Having the same length of tooth (6).
15. Second hand as called by dealer (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,200

DOWN
1. Take off quickly for the motor-bike race (8).
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The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,201
A prize of The Times Atlas of the World (comprehensive edition) will be given for the first three correct solutions opened next Thursday. Entries should be addressed to: The Times, Saturday Crossword Competition, 12 Coley Street, London WC9 9YT. The winners and solution will be published next Saturday.
The winners of last Saturday's competition are: Mr J.M.H. Wright, 44 Broad Road, Sale, Cheshire; Mr Monte Jacobson, 26 Mansfield Gardens, London N.W.3; K.W. Rowe, 23 Thorpe Avenue, Tonbridge, Kent.



- ACROSS**
1. Take off quickly for the motor-bike race (8).
9. Helter-skelter (little different from clubland?) (4-4).
10. Exhaust noise of car when repeated by Toot (4).
11. Domiciliary illness suffered by Browning in April (12).
13. Kind of ball that lasts two or three games (6).
14. Did Hadrian avoid pointing this way? (3-5).
15. Style so frenzied the heart thereby gets smaller (7).
16. Plant giving outstanding cover (7).
20. Wheeled vehicle for a balancing act (8).
22. Low language student has the entire article (6).
23. Half-sister smothered in flattery - it's debasing (12).
24. A drop of Calvados cases the draught (4).
25. It gives visual aid (but not to itself transported) (8).
27. The Spanish painters each having the same dream of gold (6).
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Last chance to see

Exhibition of the work of John Ruskin: Walker Art Gallery, William Brown Street, Liverpool; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (ends tomorrow).
Work of Friedensreich Hundertwasser: City Art Gallery, Exhibition Square, York; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (ends tomorrow).

Treasures from the collections of Duke of Norfolk, Magna Art Gallery, Weston Park, Sheffield; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (ends tomorrow).
The Last of the Beduin in Jordan, Abbot Hall Art Gallery, Kendal, Cumbria; Mon to Fri 10.30 to 5.30, Sat and Sun 2 to 5; (ends tomorrow).
Paintings by Gordon Cockburn, Rozelle House, Rozelle Park, Ayr; Mon to Sat 11 to 5, Sun 2 to 5; (ends tomorrow).

Music
Grove organ recital, by Thomas Trotter, Tewkesbury Abbey, 7.30.
Organ recital by Herford Mendic, Winchester Cathedral, 6.45.
Organ recital by Janos Sebestyen, Worcester Cathedral, 6.30.
Organ recital by Anthony Burns-Cox, Lincoln Cathedral, 12.30.
Organ recital by Marcus Hudley, York Minster, 6.

General
Funerals 8.30: Children's activities and entertainment, Bingley Hall, Broad Street, Birmingham, 11 to 7; (from today until Aug 21).
Ratland Agricultural Show, Burley on the Hill, nr Oxford, Leicestershire, from 9.30 (today and tomorrow).
Bangor Horticultural Society Summer Flower Show, Castle Leisure Centre, Bangor, Northern Ireland, 2 to 10 (2 to 5 tomorrow).
National Towns Criers' Championship, Warrior Square, Hastings, 2.30.
Colchester Festival: The Siege of Colchester (1648) reenacted by members of The Sealed Knot, Castle Park, Colchester, 2.30 (today and tomorrow).

Tomorrow

Music
Concert by Otterbein College Band from Ohio, USA, St David's Hall, Cardiff, 7.30.
Concert by Medici String Quartet, Christ Church Cathedral, Oxford, 8.
Organ recital by Jonathan Holmes, Chichester Parish Church, Devon, 6.30.
Recital by Kirsteen Grant (soprano), Isabel Findlay (mezzo-soprano), Shona Maitland (accompanist) and Kenneth Dunsmuir (pianist), former Darlington New Church, Ayr, 8.

General
Custom Cut Show, Belvoir Castle, nr Grantham, Leics, 12.

Anniversaries

Births: Alfred, Lord Tennyson, poet laureate (1850-92), Somerset; Lincolnshire, 1809; Sir Alexander Fleming, discoverer of penicillin, Lochfield, Ayr, 1881; Deaths: Agnes Harkaway, Stratford-on-Avon, 1623; Ben Jonson, London, 1637; Diego Velazquez, Madrid, 1660. Atomic bomb was dropped on Hiroshima, 1945. Today is the Feast of the Transfiguration, celebrating the manifestation of Christ's divinity before Peter, James and John. Tradition locates the event on Mount Tabor.

TOMORROW
Births: Ralph Johnson Bunche, diplomat, Nobel laureate for Peace 1950, Drott, 1904. Deaths: Robert Blake, admiral at sea off Plymouth, 1657; Konstantin Stanislavsky, founder of the Moscow Art Theatre, Moscow, 1938; Sir Rabindranath Tagore, poet, Nobel laureate 1913, Calcutta, 1941.

Roads

London and South-east: A4: Lane closures on Cromwell Road West between Ears Court and Barons Court tomorrow. A320: Extra traffic expected for European Skating Championships near Thorpe Park, Egham. A26, A275, A27: Heavy traffic at Lewes, Sussex because of carnival. Buckingham Palace Road closed at Victoria Station 9 pm to 11 am, tonight and tomorrow night.

Midlands and East Angles: M1: Lane closures between junctions 15 and 16 (Northampton). M6: Lane closures between junctions 3 and 6 (Birmingham) NE to Birmingham central. A49: Closed at Woodford, Salop, from 10.30 pm today; diversion.
North: Heavy traffic on Wilbraham Road and Wilmslow Road, near Manchester City Football Club, today and tomorrow. M1: Restricted access to motorway between junctions 30 and 31 near Sheffield. M6: Lane closures between junctions 43 and 44 (Leeds).

Wales and West: Heavy traffic on A46 and A419 for the Gwent Race horse trials near Stroud. M5: Lane closures between junctions 8 (A5 junction) and 9 (Ashchurch). A5: Temporary lights on Holyhead to Bangor road at Llanfair.

South-east: A814: Clydeside expressway in Glasgow near Clyde Tunnel, 9 am today to 6 pm tomorrow. A9, A85, A93, A94: Heavy congestion in Perth centre and nearby roads because of agricultural show. A75, A76, A701, A709: Extra traffic in Dumfries Information supplied by the AA.

The papers

The Daily Mail says the horrifying communal violence in Sri Lanka belongs to a sadly familiar pattern. Contrary to the impression given by flimsy headlines the end of the British empire meant the end of protection for millions of people belonging to minority racial groups. Every day which passes shows more clearly that we have reasons for pride, not shame, at the role we once played.

The Labour right's revolution at the prospect of the "nightmare" of Neil Kinnock as leader and Michael Heseltine as deputy has given some grim satisfaction to the Gang of Four of the Daily Express. They said years ago the left's advance was too far gone to resist and they were roundly jeered at by their former colleagues who are now seeing the light.

The pound

Bank	Bank	Bank
Australia \$	1.75	1.67
Belgium Sch	29.05	27.50
Belgium Fr	82.50	79.50
Canada \$	1.88	1.80
Denmark Kr	14.80	14.10
Deutsche Mark	12.31	11.76
France Fr	4.10	3.90
Germany DM	135.00	126.00
Greece Dr	125.00	118.00
Hong Kong \$	1.29	1.23
Ireland P	2430.00	2310.00
Italy Lira	379.00	359.00
Netherlands Gld	12.06	11.46
Norway Kr	11.50	10.93
Portugal Esc	182.00	175.00
Spain Ptas	1.98	1.83
Sweden Kr	227.00	216.00
Switzerland Fr	3.33	3.16
USA \$	1.51	1.46
Yugoslavia Dnr	154.00	144.00

Rates for spot transactions, based on cable, as supplied by Reuters Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.
Retail Price Index: 334.7.
London: The FT Index closed down 0.6 at 723.0.

Gardens open

TODAY AND TOMORROW
Oxfordshire: Watlington Horticultural Centre, nr Wheatley, 8m E of Oxford, 2m from Wheatley on old A40; ornamental gardens, nurseries, glasshouses, fruit, alpine, shrubs, herbaceous, many interesting plants; 10 to 6.
TOMORROW
Cambridgeshire: Clare College Fellows' Garden, Cambridge; 2 acres, famous garden, many interesting plants, free leaflet available; 2 to 7. Unwins Seed Trial Garden, Impington Lane, Histon, 3m N of Cambridge; over 30,000 flower seeds, including 100 varieties of marigold and 1,000 varieties of vegetables; 10 to 6. Cornwall: Trebace, Probus, 5m from Truro, 1.5m N of Tresillian; 5 acres, woodland and 3-acre garden, shrubs, herbaceous, lilies, fuchsias, alpine; 2 to 6. Dorset: Wyke End, Belle Vue Road, Weymouth; 2 acres on two levels, interesting plants, trees and shrubs; 2 to 6. Dorsetshire: Portrack House, Holywood; interesting trees, shrubs, herbaceous, greenhouses; 2 to 6. Herefordshire and Worcester: The Priory, Kemerton, NE of Tewkesbury; 4 acres, herbaceous borders in colour groups, interesting unusual plants; 2 to 7. Herefordshire: Fethercairn House, Fethercairn; part walled garden, several small gardens, enclosed by hedges, Victorian garden, roses; 2 to 6. Oxfordshire: Checkendon Court, Checkendon, 8m NW of Oxford; part walled garden, formal garden, lily pool, herbaceous borders; 2 to 7. Perthshire: Cluniermore, Pitlochry; water garden, rock garden, herbaceous and annual borders, roses, woodland plants for sale; 2 to 6. Drummond Castle, Crieff; formal Italian garden, produce stall; 2 to 7. Surrey: South Cottage, Bute Avenue, off Sudbrook Lane, Petersham, nr Richmond; cottage garden about 1 acre, herbaceous, roses, bedding plants all raised in greenhouse; 2 to 7. South-east: Sunninghill, Kildonan; rock garden, herbaceous, woodland walk with shrubs; 2 to 6.

In the garden
Climbing plants grow quickly now and may push up around gutters, down pipes and under tiles or slates. Cut them back - especially if you are going on holiday. Rambler roses should be pruned after the flowers are over, cut out the stems that bore flowers and tie new ones in to take their place. Tie young growths on climbing roses to their supports.
Cut and dry everlasting flowers - or if you can find any in a local shop or market, buy and dry them now. Cut all old leaves from strawberry plants as soon as they have finished cropping.

Pollen forecast
Abundant: 12 to 18. High: 19 to 24. Moderate: 25 to 30. Low: 31 to 36. Very low: 37 to 42. No pollen: 43 to 48. No pollen: 49 to 54. No pollen: 55 to 60. No pollen: 61 to 66. No pollen: 67 to 72. No pollen: 73 to 78. No pollen: 79 to 84. No pollen: 85 to 90. No pollen: 91 to 96. No pollen: 97 to 102. No pollen: 103 to 108. No pollen: 109 to 114. No pollen: 115 to 120. No pollen: 121 to 126. No pollen: 127 to 132. No pollen: 133 to 138. No pollen: 139 to 144. No pollen: 145 to 150. No pollen: 151 to 156. No pollen: 157 to 162. No pollen: 163 to 168. No pollen: 169 to 174. No pollen: 175 to 180. No pollen: 181 to 186. No pollen: 187 to 192. No pollen: 193 to 198. No pollen: 199 to 204. No pollen: 205 to 210. No pollen: 211 to 216. No pollen: 217 to 222. No pollen: 223 to 228. No pollen: 229 to 234. No pollen: 235 to 240. No pollen: 241 to 246. No pollen: 247 to 252. No pollen: 253 to 258. No pollen: 259 to 264. No pollen: 265 to 270. No pollen: 271 to 276. No pollen: 277 to 282. 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